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With his newest Reprise album, Triini Lopez makes it an even dozen LPs for the label. Triini, just back from England where he co-stars in the new film "Dirty Dozen," will be hot in the next months with "Triini Lopez Greatest Hits" . . . another winner from Reprise Records. (Advertisement)

Trade Presses Spin at Peak; Race With Output Timetable

By RAY BRACK and EARL PAIGE

CHICAGO—The industry's pressing facilities are operating at 100 per cent capacity and manufacturers are scrambling to meet peak-season production schedules.

This is the first full utilization of the industry's full pressing capacity, according to some industry authorities. And the overtaking of the industry's 3-million-unit-per-day peak pressing capacity is sending major, independent and minor record companies in frequently futile quest of auxiliary facilities.

"For the first time in my memory the industry's capacity for production is being utilized to the fullest," said Mercury Record Corp. executive vice-president Irwin Steinberg. "Other major companies are coming to us for capacity, but we're running at full potential."

Columbia Record Productions, the custom pressing wing of CBS, is running at peak production levels at its three plants, in manufacturing for Columbia, Epic and the Columbia Record Club, as well as numerous outside customers.

"We're at full capacity with both LP's and singles," said Ralph Williams, director of custom pressing for RCA Victor. "And from what we can observe, this is true throughout the industry. Most record companies are looking around for capacity. We're distributing our business among our regular accounts."

"Though this time of year is always a peak season, we're making more records than we've ever made at RCA. The surge began suddenly last summer and has been building."

"Yes, the pace began picking up in July," reported

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Pye Incompatible On Incompatibles

By DON WEDGE

LONDON—Pye's increasing involvement in exporting to Europe, which is playing an important part in its current boom year, has placed it in a dilemma along with other British firms, over production of compatible albums.

Since the introduction of compatible LP's in Germany, with a few labels marketing separate stereo and mono versions of the same release, acceptance has spread through most key Continental markets.

As French Vogue President Leon Cabat said "If you want to sell albums across frontiers in Europe you must offer compatible product."

The big hold-up seems to be Britain, although some firms, notably Saga and Ember, both heavily involved in direct export, are marketing compatible albums in Britain. No major is involved so far.

Technical objections are based on the unsuitability of pick-ups used in the UK. The majority are of an old design, whereas on the Continent faster turnover to reproducing equipment has encouraged manufacturers to switch to up-dated designs.

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Liberty Going Diversification

By ELIOT TIEGEL

LOS ANGELES—Liberty will embark on a diversification program into related entertainment areas next year, corporate president Al Bennett revealed last week. "With one or two exceptions, we will make no other record company acquisitions," the executive said. "Instead, we will try to purchase several publishing companies and possibly expand into the manufacture of musical instruments and raw tape."

Bennett also revealed he has his eyes on the educational equipment field as well as the premium industry. The company will combine these two areas under one division, Bennett said, either by acquisition, or by the development of its own educational and premium operation.

Bennett outlined these goals last week in explaining his role—and philosophy—among the company, following the resignation of Phil Skaff, executive vice-president for the past three years. "My role is to guide and direct the company, keep it solid financially, diversify it in product lines and by acquisitions give it a broad base of representation."

While Bennett forges taking more of a role in daily activities, Ron Bledsoe, his executive assistant, will participate more in all phases of the corporation, the president stated. Bledsoe has principally been working in the tape cartridge and tape manufacturing end of Liberty's spectrum, traveling frequently to Omaha to oversee construction of Liberty's new tape duplication factory at TOC Electronics which should shortly commence operation.

Bennett said he is presently concentrating on consolidating management and sharpening internal operating procedures based on the company's swift expansion growth this year. Once these administrative guidelines are completed, he will begin actively pursuing the diversification program next year, Bennett said he anticipates at least one of the two record acquisitions in 1967.

Re-emphasizing his role as chief executive for "broadening the scope of the company," Bennett pointed

to the organization's senior and junior executives as the "employees who are really responsible for the company. We have a strong young executive staff and they run the company."

In line with providing added responsibility to his division managers, Bennett said the divisional operating procedure would be strengthened. "We are giving more autonomy to division managers. So long as they (the division managers for Liberty-Imperial-World Pacific-Blue Note-TDC) live within policy, all I want to see is performance."



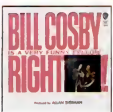
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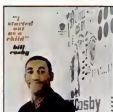
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NAMM in New Pitch for Disk Mrs.

By RAY BRACK

CHICAGO—A special effort to secure record manufacturers as exhibitors in the June 25-29 Music Mfrs. has been initiated by the National Association of Music Merchants.

NAMM has also approved the scheduling of a major convention business session with independent record dealers, part of a continuing program to attract more record retailers into the association.

The two actions were approved by the NAMM executive committee recently. The committee also:

- Discussed establishment of an active phonograph record dealer committee to promote association services in areas such as statistical studies, inventory control systems, methods or guides for reporting best sellers, standardization, etc.

- Scheduled a marketing session on general Phonograph Record.

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RCA HONORS 10 EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICE

NEW YORK—Ten employees who began Nov. 15 by RCA Victor Records, receiving 25-year awards were Harry E. Jenkins, division vice-president, marketing; John W. Hendrickson, manager, promotion; New York: James L. Head, manager, custom sales; New York: Joseph E. Frey, manager, market research; James F. Matthews, administrator, financial budgets; Lester J. Dover, programmer; Adele L. Freedman, secretary general manager; George R. Marek; Martha T. Menel, coordinator, market planning, record club; and Veronica E. Clarke, chief telephone operator.

Receiving a 40-year award Shirley Neuman, buyer, Honored in Chicago, Nov. 22 were William F. Kelly, manager, custom sales; and William C. Leonard, field salesman, custom records.

500G Offer To Beatles

NEW YORK—Whether the Beatles are giving up personal appearances or not, they will be settled Tuesday (29) when Sid Bernstein offers them \$500,000 to return to the States for two months, back-to-back at Shea Stadium. The British group walked away from single performances in 1965 and 1966 worth \$500,000.

Bernstein attributed the slight loss due to the non-exclusivity of the show; this time he wants the show exclusive to the U. S. "so I can get all of the kids from Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington as well as the New York area," Bernstein is in Europe touring with the Young Rascals, whom he manages.

If the 1967 event comes off, (Continued on page 8)

AFM Audits of Record Mfrs. Set Off a Controversial Storm

NEW YORK—Several controversial matters are being raised as a result of current AFM Audits of Record Manufacturers' audits of record manufacturers. The audits are for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of the Fund royalties which should be considered to AFM members who participated on record dates. Starting with 1964, one half of the funds are placed in a Special Payment AFM fund.

One of the key points of dispute is the matter of free goods.

Manufacturers have admitted that the AFM auditors feel that large quantities of free goods should not be considered as promotional product; that such a practice reduces the amount of money for musicians.

One spokesman for a top record label said: "We and the union should try to set some ground rules. We should seek to arrive at an understanding as to what can be considered a 'proper' amount of free goods."

This executive also said that a similarly thorny issue was an-

other type of free goods—albums given out free to members of record clubs.

Other troublesome areas, he indicated, were lack of agreement as to what constitutes the retail price, and whether the cost of covers or jackets should be considered as a separate issue.

Still another source of controversy is the matter of interpretation of foreign contracts having to do with the sale of American-made disks overseas.

CA's Country Artists Putting on Hot Sales Showing, Form Style

NEW YORK—Out of RCA Victor's country roster of 35 artists, 15 have either visited foreign countries or have achieved unusual foreign sales success without going overseas, according to Steve Sholes, division vice-president, popular artists and repertoire.

This activity on the part of Victor's country artists has been stepped up in the past several years as a result of requests of foreign licensees, and the treks have been facilitated by the international liaison department headed by Dario Soria and his aide, Dick Broderick. This increasing international activity includes foreign language recordings by the country artists.

Here's a rundown of some of

the foreign activity by Victor country talent:

One who has visited England, Holland, Belgium and Ireland. His greatest foreign market is England. He has recorded in Afrikaans. Bobby Bare has visited Germany, Scandinavia, Japan, Holland and Belgium. His best foreign market is Germany. He has recorded in German and Swedish. Jim Edward Brown has visited Germany, Scandinavia, England and Japan. Germany is his best foreign market and he has recorded in German. Skeeter Davis has visited Germany and Japan. Her best foreign market is Germany and she has recorded in German.

Connie Smith, while not yet an overseas visitor, records in

French. Her best foreign sales are in Japan and France. He has visited England and sales are in Ireland. Hank Snow has visited Europe and Japan, and the latter is his biggest overseas market. Floyd Cramer has traveled all over Europe, South Africa and Japan, and Chet Atkins has been to England, Germany, Holland, Japan, Italy and South Africa. They are strong sellers on a world level. The Browns have been to Germany, Scandinavia, England and Japan. Don Gibson and George Hamilton IV, while not known in overseas personal appearances, nevertheless have good sales. Gibson on a world level and Hamilton in Belgium and Holland.

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Rosen Adding Its Own Label

PHILADELPHIA — David Rosen, independent record distributor, will add his own record label to the approximately 30 labels now handled by his David Rosen, Inc.

With Harry Rosen, vice-president of the company in charge of the record distributing division, as a helmsman, Rosen has set up Drine Records Co. and a subsidiary Drine Music Co. The record label will carry the Drine name. David Rosen, Inc., is also one of the largest distributors of music, amusement and vending machines, linked with Rowe, A.M.I., and is the United States distributor for the new CineJukebox machine which combines movies and jukebox in a single unit.

Harry Rosen said the primary purpose of the new record and music firms is to provide a medium for the development of local talent, including composers as well as performers. The company will also serve as personal manager for such talent.

COL. ISSUES CABARET DECK

NEW YORK—Columbia Records this week issued the original Broadway cast album of "Cabaret" which opened Sunday (28) to smash reviews. Based on Christopher Isherwood's "Berlin Stories" and John Van Druten's play "I Am a Camera," the musical deals with Germany in the early 1930's. The cast includes Lotte Lenya, Jack Gilford and Jill Haworth.

'A-Product' Label Is Formed by Kapp

NEW YORK—Mickey Kapp, who resigned as executive vice-president of Kapp Records recently, has formed his own record label, Compass Records, with headquarters at 200 West 57 Street here. The operation gets underway Monday (28), and the first release is set for shortly after the first of the year.

Kapp said that the new operation in the "pop mainstream" of the business. He explained that the firm will not draw any line of distinction between specific kinds of product and will be interested in any material with hit potential — including r&b, country, folk or any combination of these styles.

Kapp has also set up a separate firm, Redstone Productions, to handle production projects of a long-term nature. He will also acquire publishing interests.

First employee hired by the new label is Roz Shrank, who had been Kapp's secretary and right-hand girl at Kapp Records for eight years.

An alumnus of Stanford University, a U. S. Navy veteran and a radio producer for the Armed Forces Radio Service, Kapp started his record career as a trainee with Decca, but most of his career has been spent with Kapp Records, which his father, Dave Kapp, founded in 1953.

During his tenure at Kapp Records, Kapp produced five Jack Jones albums, the original cast album of "Man of La Mancha" and the Louis Armstrong

single and album of "Hello, Dolly!" He also was responsible for the Jose Jimenez and "You Don't Have to Be Jewish" comedy albums, and he established the self-contained audio and mastering department.

Musicon to Open Unit in Puerto Rico

PUERTO RICO — Musicon Records is planning to establish a branch office here in early 1967, it was announced last week by the label's President Art Talmadge. Talmadge and other Musicon executives were here attending a reception for the press and deejay hosted by Musicon artist Tito Rodriguez.

The new Musicon office in Puerto Rico will eventually include studio facilities and a separate Latio producing firm will be established.

Signings announced at the press reception included the repressing of the Los Hispanos, Chayito Marín and Los Roachas from Argentina; the Montmartre Quartet who appear on Tito Rodriguez' Puerto Rican TV show.

Visiting Puerto Rico with Talmadge were Chris Spinosa, vice-president in charge of sales, and Latin promotion man Frank Bi-bilotti.

ATL. FALL LP PROGRAM HAS RECORD SALES

NEW YORK — The Atlantic fall album sales program has been the most successful in the history of the label, with the 20 October Atlantic-Alco releases topping \$2 million in sales.

Artists pulling for Atlantic and subsidiary labels were Sly & the Family Stone, Herbie Hancock, the Shadows of Knight, King Curtis, Acker Bilk, Leslie Uggams, Modern Jazz Quartet and Sergio Mendes.

Novelty product is by Bobby Darin, Wilson Pickett, Sonny & Cher and the Young Rascals.

Len Sachs, Atlantic album head, said 1967 sales will be the best in the label's history.

FIGHT SETTLED OVER TROGGS

NEW YORK — Atlantic and Mercury have settled their differences about the Troggs, the British group whose recordings have been issued by both Atco (Atlantic) and Fontana (Mercury) in the U. S. The Troggs will be released only on Fontana, and Atlantic will discontinue the manufacture of all Troggs records. However, Atco distributors will be able to sell the Troggs records which have in stock, and Atlantic will receive royalties on Troggs recordings issued on Fontana for a specified period.

Top Record Execs to Go TO MIDEM

CANNES, France—A number of top U. S. record company executives will attend the forthcoming Marche Internationale de la Musique (MIDEM) event here.

Scheduled to be on the scene for the first international disk and music publishing exposition will be Columbia Records president Goddard Lieberson, accompanied by the CBS Records International head Harvey Karp; Mercury Records president, Irving Green; Atlantic vice-president, Nesuhi Ertegun, among others. U. S. participants will also include RCA Records' Randall Wood, the Graco Garriss Management firm, Go-Go Records and several music publishers.

MIDEM will be held Jan. 30-Feb. 4 at the Palais des Festivals, scene of the International Cannes Film Festival. The affair, believed to be the first of its kind in the record-music industry, is being organized and staged by Bernard Chevre.

Approximately 120 firms have registered as participants, representing the U. S., United Kingdom, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Denmark, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Finland and Brazil. Considerably more registrants are expected by year's end.

Mfrs. Mull Slapping a Royalty Fee on Radio Airplay of Record

NEW YORK—Record manufacturers in the United States and Canada are giving increasing thought to the possibility of levying a royalty on the radio performance of a record. In Canada, as in many European countries, the copyright law already provides for a royalty for such use—but the manufacturers have never pressed for the implementation of this right. The United States Copyright Act does not provide for a levy for such a use—but many argue that the morality of the issue cannot be ques-

tioned. Chief protagonist of this has been Alan Livingston, Capitol president, who presented arguments favoring such a levy in a statement to the subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, June 10, 1965.

Canadian record manufacturers, queried recently, admitted they were contemplating the matter of seeking a royalty levy—which would be fixed by the Copyright Appeals Board. The Canadians, however, stated they preferred to see initial action taken in the United States. They also ex-

pressed the fear that stations would favor record labels which didn't exact a levy.

Meanwhile, back in the States, the matter of a royalty based on the performance of a record over the air was aired at the last board meeting of the Recording Industry of America. The RIAA refused to divulge the nature of the discussion, other than to say it was "interesting."

Tradesters note that the increasing concern of manufacturers regarding a royalty on records reflects their concern over rising costs. It also reflects concern over projected changes in the Copyright Act—one of which is the suggested increase in mechanicals, from a ceiling of 2 cents to 2½ cents. On large manufacturer stated that if these rising costs are not met by such means as a record performance royalty, the increased production costs would have to be passed on to the consumer.

Tickets for Burton Fete Going Quickly

NEW YORK—More than 300 tickets have already been sold for the March 21 music-record industry dinner honoring the late BMI president, Robert J. Burton. Morris Levy, head of the dinner committee of the Friends of Bob Burton organization, said he expected 2,000 music-record people at the dinner.

Proceeds of the dinner will go to establish a \$100,000 fellowship at Columbia University Law School for research in the field of music copyright.

At the first committee meeting last week, the possibility of having an annual dinner to raise funds for education in the field of music was one of the prime topics. Levy, who's currently lining up entertainment for the dinner feels that an annual event like this "is something we need in the industry. The record business has always represented something unsavory in the minds of most of the public. Yet, between publishing and records, it's a billion-dollar business. It's time we set out to improve our image."

But the dinner project represents more than just a public relations effort on behalf of the industry, Morris said. "Every one of the scholarships or fellowships we could set up with annual dinners like this could eventually benefit the industry. These trained personnel would be entering the business and helping advance it."

Among those attending the first dinner meeting last week were Joe D'Impiccolo, Bob Cook, Mike Stewart, Marty Ostrow, Phil Kahl, Theo Zavin, and Howie Richmond. The possibility of a second dinner to raise funds to endow a chair at Columbia University School of Business Administration in the field of music business was discussed.

Already, more than \$50,000 has been raised by the Friends of Bob Burton for the law fellowship. The cash came from contributions from publishers and writers, mostly. But it falls far

would be able to join and receive a monthly newsletter covering activities in the field. An amendment to the Academy's bylaws will be presented at the next monthly meeting. It would expand membership to the public. The Academy was originally created to foster country music through participation by professionals directly involved with the music. Now the idea is to involve the fans.

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CGW Academy Show on Feb. 27

LOS ANGELES—The Academy of Country & Western Music has scheduled its second annual awards dinner-show for Feb. 27 at the Hollywood Palladium. Billy Liebert will again produce the event.

Twenty-one award categories will be covered, with new and veteran country artists performing between accolades. Tickets will sell for \$10. Plans for televising the gala are still being discussed.

The organization, currently 280 members, is considering opening its rolls to the public on an associate basis. Country fans all over the nation

EDITORIAL

The Burton Cause

We are glad to note that the Friends of Bob Burton are well on their way toward raising \$100,000 to endow a scholarship in his memory (see separate story). One-half that sum is already in the till, and a considerable sum will be forthcoming as a result of the efforts of the dinner committee, headed by Morris Levy.

Burton's friends are countless. Though he left us in body, his impact on the music business is forever. He was a courageous and skilled battler for the rights of intellectual property. Writers and publishers will always be in his debt, for he always sought to protect and expand the values of their creative efforts.

We commend Morris Levy for the aggressive way in which he has taken hold of the work entailed in heading up the dinner committee, and we look forward to the March 21 event winding up as one of the season's most important functions.

Finally, the industry should seriously consider Levy's suggestion that this dinner be the first of a series of annual affairs dedicated to raising funds for educational purposes of specific value to the music-record industry.

short of the \$100,000 needed to set up a permanent fellowship to grant a student \$5,000 each year. Area Code 212, Rt. 72-000 expected to put the funds over the top.

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CBS Heads for Record Smasher

NEW YORK—CBS Records, the division which owns Columbia Records and its affiliated labels as well as publishing, audio products and pressing properties, is well on its way to the best year in the firm's history.

Sales for the first 10 months of '66 are running 25 per cent ahead of last year, which was a record breaker, and Columbia's nationwide Christmas newspaper supplement campaign should bring the 1966 totals to a new sales mark by a comfortable margin.

Clive J. Davis, CBS Records president and general manager, pointed out that in the third quarter alone, CBS had developed four new major artists: John Denver, the Byrds, Nabors on Columbia, and Donovan and David Houston on Epic.

Mainstays
In the teen market, Simon and Garfunkel, Paul Revere and the Raiders, the Byrds, Bob

Dylan and the Cyrkle set the sales pace, while the Williams, Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, Eric Gorge, Robert Goulet, Jerry Vale, the New Christy Minstrels and Ray Conniff were Columbia's mainstays in the adult market.

Increased sales in the Masterworks label were reported, with the Philadelphia, New York Philharmonic and Cleveland orchestras, as well as Vladimir Horowitz, Rudolf Serkin, E. Power Biggs and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir accounting for the bulk of the sales.

Columbia has become established in the 6-track tape cartridge field with a catalog of 52 tapes covering all musical categories.

Epic Sales Up
Epic sales showed a marked increase, with Donovan playing a major role, and substantial contributions by Bob Dylan, The Yardbirds, the Dave Clark Five and a country entry, David Houston.

Epic's medium-priced classical line, Crossroads, was introduced in August. To date, 20 albums have been released under the label, with encouraging sales reports. Production calls for five Crossroads releases a month.

Okeh Moving
Okeh continued to gather strength in the r&b field due to releases by Walter Jackson, Major Lance, Ted Taylor and the Vibrations.

Masterworks Audio Products timed its entry into the tape cartridge playback field with the entry of Columbia Records into the tape cartridge field. MAP has augmented its phonograph, radio, tape recorder and component line with two cartridge playback models.

Sales increases were also reported by April-Blackwood Music, the Columbia Special Products Division and Columbia Record Productions.

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Name	High	Low	15-Day High	Week's Vol.	Week's High	Week's Low	Week's Close	Net Change	
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Admiral	55 1/2	28 1/2	487	32 1/2	30	31 1/2	31 1/2	+ 1/2	
Ampex	27 1/2	17	1005	24	20 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	+ 2	
Audio Devices	41 1/2	17	116	20 1/2	18 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	+ 1/2	
Automatic Radio	7 1/2	2 1/2	10	36	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	- 1/2	
Automatic Retailer Assoc.	56 1/2	42 1/2	57	46 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	- 1/2	
Columbia Parkway	4 1/2	1 1/2	34	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Unch.	
Cantenn Corp.	36 1/2	18 1/2	197	21	20	20 1/2	20 1/2	- 1/2	
CBS	62	42	187	57	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	- 1 1/2	
Columbia Pic.	39 1/2	23 1/2	21	35 1/2	33 1/2	34	34 1/2	- 1 1/2	
Walt Disney	69 1/2	40 1/2	287	67	62	65	65	+ 1	
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Mill Music	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2						
Pickwick Inter.	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2						
Telepro Inc.	5	4 1/2	4 1/2						

*Over-the-counter prices shown are "bid" (as opposed to "asked"). Neither the bid nor the asked prices of unlisted securities represent actual transactions. Rather, they are a guide to the range within which these securities could be bought or sold at the time of completion.

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Freeman Will Score Carol Channing TV

LOS ANGELES—Contemporary disk arranger Eric Freeman has been tapped by Decca to score the forthcoming half-hour Carol Channing TV series which Arnaz is producing.

Jerry Herman, who wrote "Hello, Dolly," Miss Channing's Broadway smash, wrote the series theme. A network is being secured for the show.

The Channing series marks

Freeman's debut with a TV series. He has already broadened out of the disk field by scoring the "Cool Ones" for Warner Bros. Pictures and "What Am I Bid?" for Liberty International.

For the past year, Freeman has been used regularly by Reprise Records, with his charts adding lilt to Frank Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night" sessions and the current smash, "That's Life."

Supple: Percentage Key to Repeats

CHICAGO—The importance of the second record following in the wake of a "Winchester Cathedral" was never more crucial than it is in today's market, according to George J. John Supple, who has an interesting theory on repeat hits.

"This was driven home to me while I was on a station program tour recently," Supple said. "If an artist goes beyond 60 per cent of his capacity or potential in his first big record his chances of repeating are less and if he goes beyond 80 per cent then he's really got to come back with a blockbuster."

Supple explained his theory in another way. "Take this '98.6' by Keith. Keith's first record, 'Ain't Gonna Lie' wasn't that strong. It might have rated in the 40 per cent potential bracket. This gives his second record a real chance because everybody knows he's got the sound and he's not fighting his own blockbuster."

Influences Pattern
This difficulty of the second release has had considerable

influence on distribution patterns, according to both Supple and Irvin H. Steinberg, Mercury vice-president. "Independent producers are more eager to turn product over to major publishers because they don't have to worry about follow-up potential," Supple related. "They know we'll have product."

The evil rovin-robin of the distributor not paying for a release unless the label repeated, has grown too vicious in the intensely competitive market today it would seem and the trend is toward major distribution, if on subsidiary product labels, to circumvent the problem.

Speaking of today's competitive and bullish market, Steinberg noted, "This is the first time I can remember all companies working at their total capacity. I mean other majors have been coming to us for production here. You can get into production cycles with independent producers," Steinberg said, "but they can't guarantee you anything. Maybe a week to work

off some quantity for your product, and maybe not."

On Indie Dealers
Exactly what this dynamic situation means for the independent dealers was touched on, when Steinberg offered, "I think there'll always be from 4,000 to 5,000 good independent dealers across the country. The knowledgeable dealer definitely has a role to fulfill and will continue to do so but it is becoming a very dynamic and competitive business."

Supple seemed to agree when he said, "It averages out to about one dealer for every 100,000 population although this varies to a considerable degree."

Steinberg brought in another factor here in mentioning the college or campus type of dealers who are often quite isolated from certain large markets. "Here is another important segment of your dealer picture, especially with college populations increasing all the time," he said.

Rawls Promotion in January Will Kick Off Capitol's 25th Birthday

LOS ANGELES—Lou Rawls, a gospel singer who has gone from his humble beginnings in business, will be feted with artist of the month honors by Capitol in January to launch the label's silver anniversary year.

The Rawls promotion will be the first of many planned by the major to celebrate its 25th birthday. Rawls has just com-

pleted recording the album "Carry On" which will herald his campaign. Capitol's publicity and merchandising department is preparing a concert display which will hold 25 titles, window displays, a Rawls photo booklet for disk jockeys and dealers, an album size portrait of the artist for stores and radio stations and a 25-cent "Carry On" calendar. Rawls' eight catalog albums will be emphasized.

The honor afforded the 33-year-old singer is due to his emergence as one of the label's hottest young stars. His single, "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing," has shot past the 600,000 sales mark, with his LP "Lou Rawls Live" close to 400,000 sales. His current LP "Soulful" is close to 250,000.

The vocalist now asks \$5,000 a concert plus 50 per cent of the gross over \$10,000. Six years ago he was singing in a Sunset Strip coffee house for \$10 a night and "any club or pressu you could drink." Here

he began singing blues, which pushed him into the jazz field. This year his Capitol "Live" album became a national hit.

A former member of the Pilgrim Travelers, gospel group, Rawls feels his "Love" single bridged the gaps between the blues-jazz-top 40 and good music audiences, and his gospel field in 1958 following an auto accident.

Although he has maintained a hard core of blue and jazz fans, Rawls was fading at Capitol until his live album arrived. Recalling his success at the 1964 Monterey Jazz Festival, Rawls said the success of the pivotal LP was due to its being out before a studio audience. He feels he performs best live.

As a result of the disk hits, Rawls has become an artist in demand. He's booked solid through next August and is first starting to plan gigs of the "child" circuit, his affec-

Word Distribution Acquired by Decca

WACO, Tex.—Decca Records has acquired distribution rights to records and tape CARtridges of Word Records, a leader in the religious record field. Jarrell McCracken, president of Word Records, said that 10 Decca branches will handle Word product "at first on sort of test basis. It's a test for both of us to see just how good Decca can do with product of this nature."

tionate term for the small blues clubs.

Now the Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, the Fairmont in San Francisco and the Carter Baron Amphitheatre in Washington, D. C., blaze his name on their marquees.

He expected good results, however. "It may take a little time to acquaint their salesmen with our product and get them eager to sell it, but I feel they can do the job."

William Jelley, Word's sales manager for stores with headquarters in Ocean Grove, N. J., handled initial negotiations for the Decca deal with Lou Sebok. Decca said that Jelley will probably visit one or two Decca branches before Christmas to get the project started. Jelley will co-ordinate the introduction of Word product to Decca's salesmen.

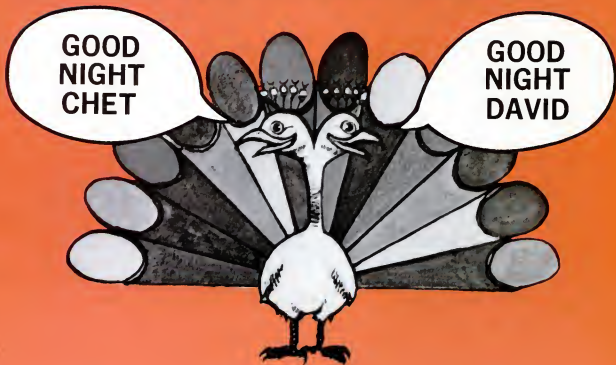
If the test in 10 branches works out, the entire Decca distribution setup will be handling Word product, giving the religious label a new field of sales.

A. Silver Dead

NEW YORK—Abner Silver, writer of many hit songs, died in his sleep Thursday (24) at the Essex House there. He had been ill a long time. He was 67.

Silver, an ASCAP member, collaborated with many eifers. Among his credits are: "I'm Going South," "There Goes My Heart," "Chasing Shadows," "How Green Was My Valley," "Did He Look" and "With These Hands."

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Trade Presses Spin at Peak

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Ed Turnley, manager of Southern Plastics, Nashville, one of the largest pressing plants in the South, "We are now running at 100 per cent capacity and have had to turn down companies seeking production of Christmas product. We've been at top capacity since mid-summer."

Turnley said that Southern is producing 90 per cent singles and has just constructed 4,000 square feet additional factory space for installation of album pressing equipment. "Some of the majors have come to us with album work and we've had to turn them down," Turnley said.

RCA custom pressing here, running with production orders at an all-time high, is not accepting new LP orders. "I've never seen the time when we had to turn down orders," a spokesman said. "One contract reportedly turned down recently by RCA custom was

an order for half a million albums from Columbia. We're getting inquiries from people who would normally do business with the other majors," the RCA spokesman said.

RCA here has found it necessary to farm out album work to Mercury and is taking some of that company's singles in return.

"We've worked 40 Saturdays this year and many Sundays," said a spokesman at one of Columbia's pressing facilities. He reported that the production pace is not the result of seasonal sales. "Just day to day orders." The report from Capitol's Jacksonville, Ill., plant indicated peak capacity production. "And this is not just with us," a spokesman said. "It's an industry-wide pattern."

Said Floyd Kinsman, plant manager for Decca at its Pinckneyville, Ill., plant: "We're definitely at 100 per cent capacity, with both albums and 45's."

A major Cleveland producer, Kelm Records Man-

deman stock — before adjustment for the recently approved 3 for 2 stock split, or 27,750 after the split.

A chain of 13 stores in the pharmacy and health and beauty fields, three leased operations in all, is operated by Intercontinental.

Encouraging prospects for the business are indicated by current developments. David Hirsch, president of the company, said: "Where business has been a little flat, it is starting to liven up a bit. On the West Coast, they seem just not to have had store traffic."

"As far as we are concerned, we are meeting the figures we projected for ourselves."

RCA Country Artists in Hot Sales Showing

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Sholes urges talent managers to take the long-range view and seek to establish their artists internationally—even though this may mean relinquishing a block of lucrative domestic bookings. It ultimately pays off in record sales, Sholes states. He adds that in addition to the overseas personal appearances, live-in dates on television are relatively easy to set up, and in some instances these are becoming income producers. Pop artist Peggy March, for instance, commands in the vicinity of \$2,500 for a TV appearance in Germany.

Sholes stated that requests for country producers were now coming in from behind Iron Curtain countries, such as Poland and Czechoslovakia, and plans are being made to increase the distribution in those areas.

Meanwhile, on the industry level, the Country Music Association is planning to extend the influence of country music overseas, in accordance with its announcement at its recent membership meeting in Nashville.

Giving impetus to RCA's success overseas is artist Jim Reeves, who continues to be a big seller globally.

Beatles Offer

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Bernstein hopes to tie in the event with the Police Athletic League and give them \$75,000 out of a house sold to earn \$100,000 (on a sellout) over two shows. He wants to do the Beatles show mostly for the fun of it. Though the 1966 show sold \$680, "it wasn't really a loss because the experience was so rich," he said.

facturing, has been farming out work to firms in Cincinnati and elsewhere. "We're in the process of adding a new section to our plant," said president Joel Kischel. "Most of our work is with independents, but the majors are starting to seek us out, too."

"Let me assure you, we're terrifically busy," reported Bob Haake, plant manager at Kaybank Record Manufacturing Co. in Minneapolis. "Our plant in Charlotte, N. C., is about humming." Haake said that by using the Swedish high spin plater, integrating its production patterns and handling for itself such operations as jacket fabricating, Kaybank is keeping up. "Right now we're delivering our own."

Williams was asked if the search for more capacity will lead to some quality control problems.

"I don't really think so," he said. "At RCA we retain our own quality control when we have our work done outside. And work contracted with us, we believe, is of the finest quality possible."

What has brought on the boom?

"The record industry appears to be in a very creative phase, with product gaining unprecedented popular acceptance."

Executive Turntable

The American Broadcasting Co. has formed four new operating groups and named four new corporate group vice-presidents. One of the new group heads is Sam Clark, who will be in charge of all non-broadcast activities. This includes records, theaters, film production and amusement centers. Clark had been vice-president in charge of theater administration. He is also on the ABC board. Clark had been president of ABC-Paramount (later ABC) Records from its founding in 1955 until 1964, when he became vice-president in charge of theater operations.

Jack Gibson has been named Midwest r&b promotion manager for Decca Records and its Coral and Brunswick labels. He reports to Joe Medlin, national r&b manager. Gibson, one of the nation's first Negro disk jockeys, entered Chicago radio in 1946 and worked as a jockey and program director in Chicago, Atlanta, Louisville, Cincinnati and Cleveland radio stations. In 1955 he founded and was first president of the National Association of Radio Announcers. He serves on the NARA board and is president emeritus. He was national promotion director of Motown Records for three years, and recently operated an independent production and promotion firm. Gibson will headquarter in Cincinnati.

Stan Ediss has been appointed Midwest regional promotion manager for J&J Records. Before joining Jay-Gee, Ediss headed Kismet Records in Pittsburgh, was national sales and promotion manager for World Artists Records, and was a branch manager for Dot Records, Ediss, whose territory will be Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee, will report to Mickey Eichner, Jay-Gee vice-president.

Ronald Plumb joined the Capitol Record Club as financial services manager. He was formerly treasurer and controller of Capitol Distributing Companies of Canada.

'Cabaret' New B'way Hit

NEW YORK—The question is: Can a serious work of art like the Christopher Isherwood short story series which was later the hit Broadway drama "I Am a Camera," John van Druten, come across as a musical comedy? The opening of the Hal Prince-Ruth Mitchell production of "Cabaret" last week proved that it can be done and it can be a hit—if it does right. Columbia Records, with the original cast album, has another big seller in store.

Jill Haworth, as Sally Bowles, projects her numbers with verve, gusto, and vivacious impishness, especially "Don't Tell Mama." Her "Life Is a Cabaret, Old Chum" is the musical centerpiece of the entire show.

On the male side, Morris, without doubt, to Joel Grey, playing the master of ceremonies, and achieving a certain decadent in his lines, and his pose. He set the whole atmosphere for the play, which is hinged upon the period in Berlin just when the Nazis began to come to power.

The first tune of the show was by Lotte Lenya — "So What?" — and was boring and dull. The tempo and the excellent picked up when it fit into the Kit Kat Klub and Miss Haworth's first number. Miss Lenya later redeemed herself in other feckless tunes, but it was a sensitive portrayal as the landlady of a rooming house. Bert Convy handles the male lead extremely well, his highlight was the tune "Why Should I Wake Up?" Jack Gilford, as the Jewish fruit store owner, was tied to Miss Lenya, was outstanding and sympathetic in his role.

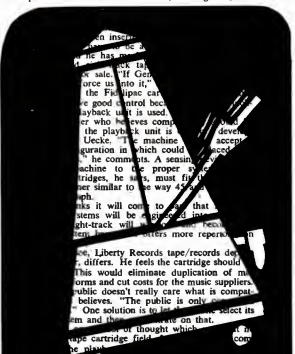
An intriguing aspect of the play is the musical numbers and choreography, which fit into the scene of "Cabaret's" cabaret without necessarily adding to the story line—for instance, the beautiful work done by a quintet of singing waiters between scenes. Music was by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb.

The only flaw of the play, though this will by no means hinder its run, is the lack of a modern touch, or of the quality of "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific" or the multitude from "My Fair Lady." CLAUDE HALL

Handleman Buys Complete Control of Intercontinental

DETROIT — Complete ownership of Intercontinental Merchandising Corp., Ltd., of Canada, has been acquired by Handleman Co., major record distributor, as well as record distributor, President David Handleman announced. Handleman earlier had a 40 per cent interest in Inter-

continental. Takeover of the remaining 60 per cent from the previous owners, Charlotte and Joseph Sugarman, was indicated in a Billboard story some six months ago. The present transaction for the 40 per cent interest represents and exchange of 18,500 original shares of Han-



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ADVERTISEMENT TAPE CARTRIDGE TIPS

by Larry Finley

On September 30th, ITCO paid record companies and music publishers its third quarter royalties. The amount paid to these companies quadrupled our predictions of nine months ago, and most astounding was the IBM run which showed a tremendous increase in the sale of eight track cartridges over four track.

According to ITCO sales figures, eight track is now out-selling four track at a rate of 4 to 1, with the percentage of eight track cartridge sales increasing daily.

Most significant are the sales figures from Southern California where four track is gradually losing ground to the eight-track field. Up to this point, four track has comprised almost 80% of the volume, but today's report for Southern California shows that four-track accounts for 66% and eight-track accounts for 33%.

ITCO had a good indication of increasing sales in eight track, when accepted orders for the new AAM album, "S.R.O.," with Harb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass. On advance orders for this cartridge, the ratio in Southern California was approximately 60% for eight track and 40% for four track.

Speaking of AAM, one of their top attractions, THE BAJA MARIMBA BAND, opens at Basin Street, New York City, on November 28th. This is the same location where, almost a year ago, New Yorkers were first exposed to the magic of Harb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass. It is our feeling that this engagement will greatly boost the popularity of THE BAJA MARIMBA BAND, resulting in "plus" sales for cartridges as well as albums.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see our ad announcing the day and date release of the new AAM album, "S.R.O." This ITCO cartridge is available in both four and eight track and can be purchased from any AAM distributor or ITCO distributor in the United States.

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TAPE CARTRIDGE Japan's Tape Cartridge Picture And Its Recent Breakthrough

By REIKO YUKAWA

TOKYO—It has been only recently that the existence of tape cartridge has grasped the attention of the average Japanese. Since 1960, Nippon Victor was the first to release stereo tape to reel-2-reel, classical stereo tapes. Close on the heels of Victor, Nippon Columbia entered the market with two packages of 2-track tapes. Yet, these did not create a real demand for tapes, and what was worse, tape recorders themselves were not as popular then as they are today.

In fact, practical stereo tape recorders for prerecorded music listening here arrived on the market only in 1962, and prior to that period, recorders were used mainly as aids in learning foreign languages. When, in 1963, 4-track stereo tape recorders became available, just a small number of Japanese stereo tapes were found on the market, so that users had to turn to imported tapes to satisfy their needs.

Certainly, Japanese tapes were produced in those days but they were 2-track, at best, with recordings limited to radio programs, Japanese traditional songs and classics played by Japanese artists.

Reason Two-fold

The reasons for the delay in manufacturing good domestic stereo tapes were twofold: First, 4-track stereo recorders were not widely used. Too, it was impossible to record copyrighted works on tape because no scale for taped music was established with respect to the compositions administered by Japan's mechanical and performing rights society. The fee

scale, however, was finally set this spring and one company after another began to concentrate on development and sale of various tapes.

Presently, the following companies and tapes are seen on the market:

1. Record Companies

Nippon Victor

• RCA Victor (open reel)—first domestic 4-track tape issued in March 1966. Sixty-five classic and 25 popular music tapes to be out by October.

• Philips (open reel)—first domestic 4-track tape issued in June 1966. Twenty classic and 16 popular music tapes out by October.

• Philips (cassette tape)—imported tapes from Philips, Holland. First release in June 1966 and up to now 3 classic and 16 popular tapes (both mono) out.

Nippon Columbia

• Car Stereo (fidelity-pack system)—first release in September 1966. Tied-up sales activity with Teikoku Dempa Co.

• CBS label (open reel, 4-track stereo)—first release in March 1966. Part of the imported records' dealers also deal in tapes.

King Records

• London label (open reel, 4-track stereo)—tapes produced by Tommy from London masters. First release in March 1966.

Teichiku Records

• Master tapes of domestic popular songs offered to Tokyo Denki Kagaku Kogyo (TDK), which then produces and sells both 4-track stereo and mono tapes under Teichiku label.

• Nippon Grammophon
Started sale of imported tapes this April of MGM, Verve, Alchiv and Grammophon all on a subscription basis.

• Toshiba Musical Enterprises
Started sale of imported 4-track stereo tapes in 1965, of Angel and Capitol on a subscription basis.

2. Other Manufacturers

Fuji Sound

• Since 1963, 4-track stereo and mono tapes of world's folk songs on sale but at present the emphasis is on tapes of easy listening music. About 70 per cent of the tapes rejected by the Fidelity system cartridge.

• Tokyo Denki Kagaku Kogyo
Started production and sale of 4-track stereo tapes, such as "Japanese Music" and "Asian Melody," in 1965. Also on sale are the above-mentioned Teichiku tapes, English textbook tapes, NHK program tapes, etc.

Tokyo Tanshi Kogyo

• Master tapes supplied by several American companies and already 80 open reel tapes and 40 cartridges, both classic and popular, out on the market. First release in March 1966. Also Japanese music tapes independently produced.

Mecca Record Pack

• Foreign—under contract with Muntz of U. S. and all tapes on 4-track Fidelity system, produced from masters of four U. S. companies.

• Domestic—started production in August 1966 of tapes containing Hachidai Nakamura's works.

Japan is amply supplied with almost all types of tape and

Philips, Nippon Victor in Deal

TOKYO—Irving Green, Mercury Records president, left Japan after completing a week's discussion with the Nippon Victor and the Philips companies here. According to B. Joppe, Philips Records representative in Japan, both Philips and Mercury will release stereo music, pre-recorded in Japan on Philips Cassettes late this month through Nippon Victor. Initial releases will include Japanese music.

Philips' type playback machines now made and sold in Japan are all battery-operated and designed for monaural operation. However, Joppe pointed out, the new stereo cassettes will be compatible with the monaural cassettes and may be used on monaural machines. Stereo playback machines will be made in Japan by a number of manufacturers and will be available in the near future.

There is a good possibility of other firms going into this field. Some are already at the stage of studying marketability of their tapes.

It remains to be seen how the versatility of cartridge tapes will grow in this country, but in any event, an entirely new market has been added to the old, time-tested record market.

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Store Puts CARtridges to Work Selling Other Stereo Items, Too

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The people who buy automobile stereo tape players are likely to become prospects for stereo phonographs, tape recorders and accessories, points out Raymond Cohen, young owner of The Record Shop here.

"There are a lot of people who have no real appreciation whatever for stereo music, until they installed a player in their cars," Cohen said. "It may seem that the stereo player went into the automobile as a status symbol, or because the customer is an automobile sports fan who wants everything possible on his car. No matter what the reason, once he has become accustomed to fine stereo music while driving the automobile, chances are that he will start thinking of the same sort of music for his apartment." Cohen sensed these possibilities immediately after the first mobile stereo came on the market. Although he did not go all-out for stereo players, largely because his shop is in the center of a shopping mall and inaccessible to automobiles, he laid in a huge stock of automobile stereo tape cartridges.

One bay at the left corner of the record browser area was display set aside for a mass display of stereo tape CARtridges,

stacked in vertical rows. More than three feet high, and conveniently classified by artists as are standard tapes and records, the display began attracting interest, and has kept a steady parade of car owners. Most dealers whose primary interest is the profits from sale and installation of the unit cars, see a smattering of tape, and many of them plan to go out of the field, as soon as the "cream has been skimmed" from the market.

While making no extensive plans for going into auto stereo merchandising, Cohen intends to capitalize on what he calls "conversion customers." He wants to bear the owner of a new GTO sport coupe, for example, explain over the excellent fidelity which he can get in his automobile. This gives Cohen the opportunity to point out that he will be well pleased with results he can get in his home.

He points out that the automobile cannot accommodate as large speakers, or as many different types of sound reflectors, the size of the room, and similar points. Sooner or later, Cohen finds, the customer will

be back looking into the cost of a home high fidelity system. In this way the sale of a few stereo auto cartridges can easily become a \$500 stereo equipment, and lead to the immediate future.

Every customer sees that The Record Shop carries a tremendous line of auto stereo. Salespeople take the bull by the horns, point out the mass display, with the question "Do you have stereo in your car?" Quite often this leads to an explanation of auto stereo.

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Chart Action-Country Style

The big C&W hits are on RCA Victor



U.K. Seen Rolling on Locally Made Units

By GRAEME ANDREWS

LONDON — The RCA-Motrola team touring Europe to show the flag for the Stereo-8 cartridge is confident that its talks with car manufacturers

and radio and instrument makers in Britain, Scandinavia, France, Germany and Italy will lead later next year and in 1968 to local manufacture of Stereo-8 players and, later, cartridges.

When the delegation gave a

Stereo-8 demonstration at the London Hilton, Irwin J. Tarr, division vice-president of recording tape marketing for RCA Victor, was optimistic about the future of his product—particularly in Italy.

The RCA promotion was designed to impress on the trade that Philips Musicassettes will not have its present monopoly of the British cartridge-cassette market forever. Already plans are being made to import Motrola players and RCA Stereo-8 cartridges into this country. With import duty and dispatch costs added, cartridges will retail for about \$14 initially, compared with \$5.60 for locally made musicassettes. This will restrict RCA sales to enthusiasts and wealthier customers.

No plans have yet been announced by RCA (Great Britain) Ltd., for the local manufacture of its cartridges. Until they are made here, which will eventually greatly reduce the price, and marketed seriously against the Philips product, the trade inevitably does not expect the RCA system to make a major inroad.

Philips has an added advantage here from the fact that EMI already supplies repertoire for cassettes on the Philips system, and both Pye and Polydor will do so in the new year. The EMI and Pye repertoire deals are known to be non-exclusive pacts, however. Philips will market Pye. EMI is distributing and selling its own, but using Philips duplicating facilities.

Decca, which distributes RCA Victor records here, has steered clear of the prerecorded tape field entirely and has no known plans to enter this market.

It is expected, therefore, that if RCA decides to give Philips proper domestic competition, it will do so entirely independently of Decca. One other major CBS is also not in the cartridge market here yet.



RCA-ITALIANA/MARELLI meeting in Turin to introduce the RCA 8-track tape CARTRIDGE and the Marelli player licensed by Lear Jet is attended by, from left, Giuseppe Falce, Generali Motor district manager; Peter Baumberger, vice-president of RCA Overseas at Geneva; Irwin J. Tarr, RCA Victor division vice-president in Recorded Tape Marketing; Giuseppe Ornato, RCA Italian managing director and general manager; Harvey Anselm, European director of the Lear Jet Corp.; Dario Sofia, Victor division vice-president in the International Liaison Department; Ferrazzo, Radio Marelli general manager, and Antonio Inghinoli, head of Magneti Marelli's special projects division.

Simul Releases Are Being Eyed by Merc.

CHICAGO — Additional 4 and 8-track CARTRIDGES, including the bit "Winchester Cathedral," were released by Mercury Record Corp. last week.

In announcing the release of 19 additional 4-track tapes and 22 packages in the 8-track version, Tom Bonnetti, product manager of Mercury's recorded tape products, said the label intends to effect simultaneous release of tape cartridge and current album product. The release included product on Mercury, Fontana, Smash, Philips and Linelight.

The 4-track release consists of packages by New Vaudeville Band, the 4 Seasons (2), Dusty Springfield, Bobby Hebb, James Brown, Roger Miller, "1812 Overture," Johnny Mathis (2), Teresa Brewer, the Trogs, Bill

Justis orchestra, Horst Jankowski, Sarah Vaughan, Fats Domino, the Three Sounds, Quincy Jones and Erroll Garner.

The 8-track release includes these additional artist outings: Smothers Brothers, Xavier Cugat, George Jones, Million Steps Instrumentals, "Dirzy Killespie, Woody Herman, Dinah Washington, Les McCann, Gerry Mulligan, Oscar Peterson, Royal Family of Spanish Guitar and Byron Janis.

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2. STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT	Frank Sinatra	Reprise 10-427A
3. YOU'VE GOT THAT LOVIN' FEELIN'	Righteous Brothers	Philips 21-244A
4. EVERYBODY LOVES SOMEBODY	Dean Martin	Reprise 10-2501
5. WIP, WUT & SURFER JOE	The Surfaris	Dot 21-120A
6. ROOTS	Nancy Sinatra	Reprise 10-366A
7. RAY BRIDGEMAN'S GREATEST HITS	Ray Brudman	Monument 10-361A
8. PIPELINE	The Chantays	Dot 21-117A
9. PETE, PAUL AND MARY	Peter, Paul & Mary	Warner Bros. 56-358A
10. THE BEST OF THE RIGHTIOUS BROTHERS	Righteous Brothers	Monogram 21-343A
11. JUST ONE IN MY LIFE	Righteous Brothers	Philips 21-242A
12. DOWNTOWN	Philips Club	Warner Bros. 10-346A
13. SOUL AND INSPIRATION	Righteous Brothers	Yankee 21-258A
14. OLDIES BUT GOODIES, VOL. 8	Original Artists	Original Sound 05-47-8855A
15. RIGHT NOW	Righteous Brothers	Monogram 21-174A
16. DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES—MOON RIVER—AND OTHER ACADEMY AWARDS	Frank Sinatra	Reprise 10-153A
17. PERSUASIVE PERCUSSION	Enoch Light	Command 14-154A
18. GOT MY MOJO WORKIN'	Jimmy Smith	Yankee 26-253A
19. HONEY	Frank Martin	Reprise 10-345A
20. THE IN CROWD	Raymond Lewis Trio	Cadet 26-208A
21. OLDIES BUT GOODIES, VOL. 1	Original Artists	Original Sound 05-47-8855A
22. SOMEWHERE THERE'S A SOMEONE	Glen Martin	Reprise 10-376A
23. WOOLY BULLY	Sam The Sham & The Pharaohs	NGM 21-186A
24. SEPTEMBER OF MY YEARS	Frank Sinatra	Reprise 10-217A
25. IN THE WIND	Peter, Paul & Mary	Warner Bros. 56-110A
26. THE IMPRESSIONS' GREATEST HITS	The Impressions	A.B.C. 21-155A
27. THE BEST OF THE EARLY BROTHERS	The Early Brothers	Yankee 21-174A
28. TRINI LOPEZ AT P. 17	Trini Lopez	Reprise 10-117A
29. RAY CHARLES' GREATEST HITS	Ray Charles	A.B.C. 10-234A
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POP SPOTLIGHTS

TOP 20

Spotlights—Predicted to reach the top 20 of the Hot 100 Chart

THE MONKEES—I'M A BELIEVER (Prod. by Jeff Barry) (Writer: Diamond) (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI)—"I'm Not Your STEPPIN' STONE" (Prod. by Tommy Boyce & Bobby Hart) (Writers: Boyce-Hart) (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI)—Two bubble-buster sides that will hit with immediate impact. "Believer" side is an easy-go dance move penned by Neil Diamond. "Stone" composed by Boyce & Hart is a hard driving groovy rocker with a strong teen lyric. **Columbia 1062**

4 SONS—TELL IT TO THE RAIN (Prod. by Bob Crewe) (Writers: Petrillo-Cifelli) (Saturday &

Season's Four, BMI)—Hot follow-up to "Tve Got You Under My Skin" is this powerful blues rocker with a solid dance beat and the wild Frankie Valli sound. Flip: "Show Girl" (Saturday & Season's 4, BMI).

GARY LEWIS & THE PLAYBOYS—WHERE WILF THE WORDS COME FROM (Prod. by Snuff Garrett) (Writers: Curtis-Hardin) (Viva, BMI)—Chalk up another top of the chart winner in this well done ballad of lost love, backed by a strong dance beat. Flip: "May the Best Man Win" (Glo-Mac, BMI). **Liberty 55933**

TOP 60

Spotlights—Predicted to reach the top 60 of the HOT 100 Chart

'DEAN MARTIN—(Open Up the Door) LET THE GOOD TIMES IN (Prod. by Jimmy Brown) (Writers: Torok-Redd) (Smooth, BMI)—A "live" crowd joins Martin in this rousing band-clapper and the total effect is a big chart item and jukebox winner. Happy programmer. Flip: "I'm Not the Marrying Man" (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI). **Reprise 0538**

B. J. THOMAS—PLAIN JANE (Prod. by Huey P. Meany) (Writer: Cahbron) (Pony, BMI)—Interesting up-tempo ballad with a good teen-slanted lyric should bring Thomas back to the Hot 100 with impact. Flip: "My Home Town" (Crazy Cajun/Flomar, BMI). **Scepter 1179**

'SENIOR EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN—GALLANT MEN (Prod. by Tom Morgan) (Writers: Wood-Cacavas) (Chappell, ASCAP)—The Senator could have a "Green Beer" type of hit in this well done narrative-march production. Should be a much programmed item, with top sales to follow. Flip: "The New Colossus (Statute of Liberty)". **Capitol 5805**

TRINI LOPEZ—YOUR EVER CHANGING MIND (Prod. by Don Costa) (Prod. by: Sorenberg Snyder) (Gib, BMI)—Change of pace for Lopez in this exciting cover of the Crispian St. Peters number. Lopez is strong competitor in this powerful rendition and the race for the charts is on! Flip: "Takin' the Back Roads" (Tridon, BMI). **Reprise 0536**

'DANA ROLLIN—BEST FRIEND (Writer: Sebastian) (Fainstaf Virtue, BMI)—Penned by John Sebastian, this bluesy bar-room arrangement and good vocal treatment should top her "Winchester Cathedral" success. Flip: "All Night Long" (Copperleaf, BMI). **Tone 297**

WAYNE NEWTON—HAPPY IS GONE (Prod. by Steve Douglas) (Writers: Resnick-Levine-Resnick) (T.M., BMI)—Newton has another chart-bound single to replace his "Games That Lovers Play." Winning performance and arrangement of a teen oriented rhythm ballad. Flip: "How D'ya Talk to a Girl" (Shapiro-Bernstein, ASCAP). **Capitol 5793**

LEN BARRY—YOU BABY (Writers: Spector-Mann-Weil) (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI)—WOULD I LOVE YOU (Writer: Robinson) (Jobete, BMI)—In the vein of "I-2-3" driving rhythm destined for a high spot on the Hot 100. Flip is a blues rock ballad with equal potential. Different sound for Barry. **Decca 32654**

'PALM BEACH BAND BOYS—I'M GONNA SET RIGHT DOWN AND WRITE MYSELF A LETTER (Prod. by Danny Davis) (Writers: Young-Ahlert) (Ahlert/Warock, ASCAP)—The Billy Williams hit of a decade ago recaptured a megaphoned "Winchester Cathedral" revival, which should hit nationally with impact. Milwaukee pulled this from their current LP. Flip: "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire" (Cherio, BMI). **RCA Victor 9926**

TOM JONES—GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF HOME (Prod. by Peter Sullivan) (Writer: Putman) (Tree, BMI)—Porter Wagoner country hit of last year, now a smash in England by Jones, should meet with equal success in the U. S. Exceptional vocal work on the plaintive ballad. Flip: "If I Had You" (Northern, ASCAP). **Parrot 40089**

'STUTZ BEARCAT—LUCKY LINDY (Prod. by Norm Kanner & Roy Silver) (Writers: Gilbert-Bar) (Fidel ASCAP)—Vaudeville and Lindy is with 'em in this spirited honky-tonk arrangement. Should prove a top programmer leading the way for a big chart item. Hot jukebox entry with hilarious vocal work. Flip: "Whispering" (Miller, ASCAP). **Warner Bros. 5877**

THE IDES OF MARCH—YOU NEED LOVE (Prod. by Mike Considine) (Writer: Peterik) (Junk, BMI)—Strong rhythm ballad for the "You Wouldn't Listen" group should surpass their initial success by far. Infectious rhythm and vocal work. Flip: "Sha-La-La-La-Lee" (Bigtop Records/Lynch, BMI). **Parrot 312**

GALE GARNETT—I MAKE HIM FLY (Prod. by Al Schmitt) (Writer: Garnett) (Leprechaun, BMI)—The husky voiced folkster has a powerful dance beat number which should rapidly bring her back to the Hot 100. Flip: "The Sun is Gray" (Hastings, BMI). **Blue Vinyl 112**

JOE TEX—PAPA WAS TOO (Prod. by Buddy Klink) (Writer: Tex) (Tree, BMI)—Hard driving rocker by Tex should make its mark in both the r&b and pop fields. Collected from his LP it moves to the end. Flip: "The Trust Woman in the World" (Tree, BMI). **Dial 4051**

THE ROYALETTES—TAKE MY LOVE (Prod. by Bill Medley) (Writers: Medley Brothers, BMI)—Penned and produced by Bill Medley, this first rate material should bring the girls back to the winner's circle. Exceptional production ballad and top vocal performance. Flip: "My Man" (Righteous Brothers, BMI). **MGM 13627**

CHUBBY CHECKER—KARATE MONKEY (Prod. by Billy Jackson) (Writers: Jackson-Virtuoso) (Twin Gals)—Combining ASCAP's "Rockin' Party" with the equally popular dance serve as a powerhouse chart contender for Checker. Should hit hard and fast. Flip: "Her Heart" (Right Tunes, BMI). **Parkway 112**

'SHIRLEY BASSEY—THE LIQUIDATOR (Writers: Callender-Schiffrin) (Hastings, BMI)—Powerful stylist has the hottest piece of material since his "Colt" smash. Enough exposure could make this film theme a big one. Flip: "Rock On" (Ginart, BMI). **United Artists 50099**

MAXINE BROWN—I DON'T NEED ANYTHING (Prod. by Vance-Pockria) (Writers: Vance-Pockria) (Fidel, ASCAP)—Paul Vance and Lee Pockria penned and produced this strong rhythm ballad which is a hot contender for a high spot on the chart. Flip: "The Secret of Livin'" (Vanno/Emily, ASCAP). **Wand 1145**

CHRISTMAS SPOTLIGHTS

BARRY SADLER—I WON'T BE HOME THIS CHRISTMAS (Prod. by Andy Wisewell) (Writers: White-Sadler) (Music, Music, ASCAP)—Combining the holiday season with the tragedy of war provides the "Green Beer" winner with powerful material, which could hit fast and big. Flip: "A Woman Is a Wespian Woman" (Tree/Amusic, Music, Music, ASCAP). **RCA Victor 9908**

THE LITTLE KIDS—SANTA CLAUS IS STUCK IN THE CHIMNEY (Prod. by Eddie Mascari-Erwin Wenzel/Fall Petrie) (Writers: Mascari-Wenzel/Mascari) (Bob-Cor, BMI)—Holiday novelty loaded with kiddie appeal in the Chimpunks vein could prove the big pop novelty for the year. Flip: "Tambourine Jingle" (Bob-Cor, BMI). **Tower 298**

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHTS

TOP 10 Spotlights—Predicted to reach the top 10 of the HOT COUNTRY SINGLES Chart

MERLE HAGGARD—THE FUGITIVE (Prod. by Ken Nelson) (Writers: Anderson-Anderson) (Four Star, BMI)—Hot on the heels of "The Bottle Let Me Down," Haggard comes up with an equally potent item in this strong ballad material composed by Liz and Casey Anderson. Flip: "Someone Took My Story". **Capitol 5803**

JEANNIE SEELY—A WANDERIN' MAN (Prod. by Fred Foster) (Writer: Cochran) (Pamper, BMI)—Top notch Billy Sherrill production and first rate Grammer delivery make this smooth country ballad a top contender for the chart. Flip: "Heaven Help This Heart of Mine" (Gallico, BMI). **Imperial 10103**

BILLY GRAMMER—THE REAL THING (Prod. by Billy Sherrill) (Writer: Baham) (Newkeys, BMI)—Top notch Billy Sherrill production and first rate Grammer delivery make this smooth country ballad a top contender for the chart. Flip: "Heaven Help This Heart of Mine" (Gallico, BMI). **Imperial 10103**

BUDDY CAGLE—APOLOGIZE (Prod. by Scott Turner) (Writer: Hart) (Metrie, BMI)—HELPS ON THE WAY (Prod. by Scott Turner) (Writers: Turner-Ziegler) (Irving, BMI)—Cagle has a winner—or two—in these outstanding numbers. Equal sales potential for the rhythm ballad written pop fields. Hart and the counchy flip penned by Scott Turner and Coy Ziegler. **Imperial 62118**

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

STONEWALL JACKSON—MOMMY LOOK, SANTA IS CRYING (Prod. by Don Law & Frank Jones) (Writer: Vickery) (Ly-Ram, BMI)—Sad ballad tale of a broken heart. Six extremely well performed by Jackson and should prove a holiday programming and sales winner. Flip: "Blue Christmas" (Bibo, ASCAP). **Columbia 43391**

CHART Spotlights—Predicted to reach the HOT COUNTRY SINGLES Chart

KAT ADAMS—Where'd the Good Times Go (Jeffery Jones, BMI). **TOWER 294**
JIM HENSON—A Wonderful Christmas (SEAC, Chart 1410)
CHUCK BLAUGHER—It's Not My Cry (Wormwood, BMI). **LUCKY 11 234**
MAL POWELL—Last New Christmas (BMI). **USCA 32064**

R&B SPOTLIGHTS

TOP 10 Spotlights—Predicted to reach the TOP SELLING RHYTHM & BLUES SINGLES Chart

EARL GAINS—DON'T TAKE MY KINDNESS FOR A WEAKNESS (Prod. by Rogers Prod.) (Writer: Cor) (Barrow, BMI)—Steady and solid is this blues rocker which should meet with heavy air play and top sales—both r&b and pop. Flip: "I Have Lived and I Have Loved" (Cal, BMI). **HRB 510**

CHART Spotlights—Predicted to reach the R&B SINGLES Chart

JUNIOR PARKER—Man or Mouse (Don Ray, BMI). **BURE 415**
PAUL REVEREND—The God of the Sun (Am, BMI). **Capitol 58009**
THE STABLES—It's the Same (Edgar, BMI). **Imperial 10104**
JOHN "PAT" TOWN—The Same (Edgar, BMI). **Imperial 10104**
JOE HUNTON—I Had Only Known (Edgar, BMI). **Capitol 58004**
CHUCKLE TATUM—Little Angel (Edgar, BMI). **Capitol 58004**
BILL BLACK'S COMB—Smother (Edgar, BMI). **Capitol 58004**
MAISON JOY—Good-bye This Time (Edgar, BMI). **Capitol 58004**

CHART

Spotlights—Predicted to reach the HOT 100 Chart

BEI E. KING—What Is Love? (Proto-Azzuli, BMI). **ATCO 6454**
'BONNIE—(I'll Be) A Good Girl (Writers: Sorenberg Snyder) (Gib, BMI)—Change of pace for Lopez in this exciting cover of the Crispian St. Peters number. Lopez is strong competitor in this powerful rendition and the race for the charts is on! Flip: "Takin' the Back Roads" (Tridon, BMI). **Reprise 0536**

JIMAT CASTER—Her, Love, Your Mama's Cello (Tree, BMI). **Parrot 40089**
SOUL GART—Particular (Miller, ASCAP). **MONUMENT 96**
CHUCK BLAUGHER—It's Not My Cry (Wormwood, BMI). **LUCKY 11 234**
CHUCK BLAUGHER—It's Not My Cry (Wormwood, BMI). **LUCKY 11 234**
MAL POWELL—Last New Christmas (BMI). **USCA 32064**

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TALENT

'Trade Getting in Stereo Groove'

By ELIOT TIEGEL

LOS ANGELES—The record industry is just now learning properly use the long-play album and the stereophonic medium, in the opinion of Titti Camarata. "The album wasn't designed to be 12 cuts," the gray-haired composer-conductor said. "It's beauty is its long-playing continuity."

As an artist on London Records, Camarata is developing a series for the Phase 4 line in which the music is never sep-

arated by the normal use of blank vinyl. He is currently in London to record a follow-up to his first venture, *Waltz Without End*. The new album planned for taping Thanksgiving Day is a "Puccini Spectacular." These albums are classical in content, with Camarata arranging the opera arias for exclusive instrumental interpretation. The key element is the phony. The original harmonies are never tampered with, the leader says.

"Instrumentally this material

can take a different shape," Camarata said, adding he hoped to do a Tchaikovsky spectacular in the future, because that would be the "average person's cup of tea."

Camarata operates on several levels. He has been an artist for London 20 years, owns and records for his own Coliseum label, records and produces for Walt Disney and operates a set Sound Recorders, a thriving small studio.

Better Quality

It is through Phase 4 and his own Coliseum 20-20 sound concept, that Camarata believes stereo is accurately presented. The ping-pong effects, which marked much of the first successful stereo discs, are being replaced by true reproduction of instruments, playing arrangements correctly written to take advantage of the medium, he says.

There is more detail given to microphone placement, he adds, which allows for the exposure of instruments never clearly heard before.

With his own Coliseum operation which is distributed by London, Camarata hopes to expand his design package for stereo. A forthcoming venture is called "Jungle Adventure" and is a potpourri of sounds of the cinema, interspersed with pop music.

Camarata hopes to develop projects for stereo by hiring individual artists who they fit the concept. Coliseum, which is two years old, had no signed talent, only the maestro. Camarata's 20-20 stereo formula calls for equal division of musical content on both channels. Originally the aim was for an all-stereo output, but this has changed. Coliseum now issues mono product, because, according to its owner, "Salemans asked why prohibit the sale by not having mono product?" At this point, with economics so tight, you cannot argue with that.

Covers Teen Market

While the "Jungle Adventure" will appeal to a certain kind of adventurous sound buff, Camarata covers the teen market by interpreting top 40 tunes with his Trio Trombones band and less than a trombone cover the middle-of-the-road field on other albums.

With his name on so many different labels, the musician

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Margaret Whiting Credits A&R Men, Walt McGuire

By CLAUDE HALL

NEW YORK—As an artist who had a great record career spanning 12 million-records, Margaret Whiting attributes the key to her new success as a record artist to A&R producers. That, and the faith of Walt McGuire on London Records.

Her first comeback try was "Somewhere There's Love." It got turned down by nearly every Hit 100 format radio station. "Walt McGuire was the only one who flipped over this new girl singer," said Jack Gold, who produces her records with Ar-

nold Goland. "But when they found out it was Margaret Whiting, they turned the record down."

McGuire was told the same thing. "It got turned down at top 40 stations because I was who I was. They said they couldn't play it until the record got on the chart. I asked them how I was going to get in the charts unless they played it." McGuire was undaunted and said, "We'll do it again." So London came out with "The Wheel of Hurt." This second effort brought her success. The record climbed to No. 1 in

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Free Spirits Give Out With A Spirited Performance

NEW YORK—Rock with a jazz flavor and strains that are being presented at The Scene by the Free Spirits, a promising young quintet, recently signed by ABC Records. In their first numbers, the group used a driving style, with much wailing and shouting by lead guitarist Larry Coryell and rhythm guitarist Chip Baker in their vocal solos.

Baker was especially good in

the Bob Dylan-Byrds' hit "Mr. Tambourine Man" and the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction." Saxist Jim Pepper relied on his solid jazz background with invention in the key of D minor.

Two of his top spots were "L. B. O. D.," which is on the group's forthcoming ABC album, and "Cosmic Daddy Dance." Pepper, however, was hampered in "Girl of the Mountain," the Free Spirits initial single, because his flute was broken previously. Instead the number had sax background, a different sound than on the disk. This song was the first, in a souped-up version, which had real power and drive, then in a softer style closer to the recording.

Two jazz numbers that ended the lengthy set were peaks of the evening. Here the group turned from a quintet to a quartet as Baker sat the numbers out. Coryell, a bright young jazz guitarist, and Pepper put their all into their playing. "Waltz Without End" and "A Night in Tunisia" backed by the solid drumming of Bob Moses and by Chris Hills bass guitarist, whose background includes stints with Miles Davis and Chico Hamilton. Unfortunately, Hills could not be seen during his solos because Pepper was blocking the view.

The group views most of its own material as is the fashion with most rock ensembles, but some of the pieces lacked the originality to make it. There was a tough investment in other places, however, to indicate that the FREE SPIRITS



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Swingle Singers Twinkle Giving Classics New Look

NEW YORK — The Swingle Singers, using the melodies of composers such as Bach, Telemann, and Mendelssohn, provided a delightful concert Nov. 10 at Town Hall. The Philips Records artists, duplicating the parts of various instruments with their voices, were backed by Guy Pederson on bass and Daniel Humm on drums, producing a jazz-like chamber sound. Mort Swingle, leader of the group, announced each number and explained what was happening with the music, especially in a Gigue from Telemann's "Suite in F," which he used for demonstration. In this number, the individual singers represented a harpsichord, violin, basso continuo and other strings.

Major pieces of the evening were Telemann's "Concerto for Six Instruments," the "Sinfonia" from Bach's "Suite for Harpsichord Partita," and Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," which drew applause when announced. This last work formally closed the concert, but two lively numbers, the "Bourree" from Bach's "B Minor Suite" and the "D Major Fugue" from the "Well Tempered Clavier," served as encores.

As usual, soprano Christine Legrand and her enthusiastic and engagingly manner and her clear voice, was a standout as she handled the lines originally written for flute, oboe d'amore, violin and other instruments. Humm's backing em-

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Don Ho's Testing Out His 'Hawaiian-Along'

LOS ANGELES—Don Ho, a favorite of the Islands, is testing his Hawaiian nightclub format on Coconut Grove patrons prior to working his way around the country. Ho's formula is designed to break the barrier between professional audience by acting as a catalyst for group participation.

Unfortunately, there are kinks in the concept of the new, unorthodox, loose format in which the audience participates in almost half the act. The vocalist has a warm, gracious personality and a rich, romantic voice and he could make it on this strength alone. However, he has developed a free-form concept in Hawaii which calls for girls in the audience placing a lei around his neck, and giving out "young love" letters on stage to dance while Ho's back-up group, the Aliis, play for dancing; and asking the audience to sing.

The result is a combination professional-amateur hour. On the night reviewed, the show ran for 1 hour 45 minutes. His Grove audience was loaded with people who had seen him at Duke's place in Honolulu. They knew his songs and were willing to participate in the kissing and dancing.

Ho's audience joins in with robust and clapping and community-singing on the Hawaiian tunes. He called upon an ex-waitress, Robin Wilson, to sing "What Now My Love," and was excellent with a dramatic interpretation. He brought up the room's maitre d', Gilbert Paoli, who sang two numbers, and a teen-age Australian singer who massaged "If I Had a Hammer."

Comedy runs through the act in Ho's polished one-liners and the Aliis' own funny facial expressions backing several numbers.

When Ho did sing, as on "Born Free" and "I'll Remember"

Honor Steve, Eydie

NEW YORK—Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme will receive B'nai B'rith's 1966 Israel Award at a gala dinner next Thursday (1) at the Americana Hotel. The couple will receive the award "for their dedicated service to the people of Israel and their distinctive contribution to the world of entertainment." The only previous winner of the award was Sammy Davis Jr.

ber You," his voice rang with sincerity. On "Pearly Shells" he's happy and on "E. Lei Kai Lei" he's in the romantic environment of his homeland.

Much of the time Ho's speech was unclear and his organ playing was barely distinguishable. The Aliis sang softly in a Hi-Lo fashion, harmonizing well. Whether audiences in other States understand what Ho will support him, as Angelinos have done, is a moot question.

ELIOT TIEGEL

Signings

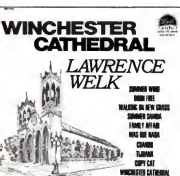
Don Rondo joined United Artists Records with a long-term pact. His first release for his new label will be "Tell the World How You're Mine." The Canadian Sweethearts have been signed to a long-term pact by Epic Records. . . . Gene Clark, a former member of the Byrds, inked by Columbia Records. His initial single is "Echoes." . . . Found You." An LP is planned for early next year. . . . Sonny Chirch shared a long-term contract with Prestige Records, with an LP due in January. . . . The Shaggy Boys to United Artists where "You and Me" is their debut single. . . . Also joining United Artists is The Jackson Word, whose first disk will be "Joy." . . . The Ed Curran Quartet to ESP Records. . . . Miller DeLugg signed a long-term contract with RCA Victor. DeLugg also is a pop and classical composer.

Billy Joe Burnette's new Gold Standard release jumped on the WINNERS chart at WROV, Roanoke, Va., from No. 10 to No. 1. The song is "Climbing." What number is it on your chart? Write Zela Clements for club engagements. Gold Standard Records, 728 16th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Phone 244-6679. (Advertisement)

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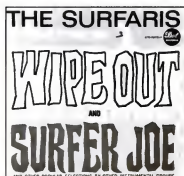
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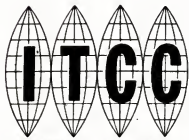
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Mgrs. Collection Men: Diamond

NEW YORK—New performers shouldn't sign with personal managers, believes Bang Records artist Neil Diamond. "As a matter of fact," he says, "they'd be better off without them. Most of these 'so-called' managers are no more than collection agents who contribute little or nothing to their client's career and drain them financially."

Diamond, currently climbing the Hot 100 chart with "I Got the Feeling," said, that the type of managers that new talent ordinarily attract are usually not good enough to help an artist's career. "Often they are club owners who happen to spot something special in a new group of artists working for them. They parlay their acquaintance with some of the other owners in the business, a few delays, newspapermen and agents into an impressive-sounding sales pitch and a murderous management contract."

Diamond recalled that, while still in high school, he signed a personal management contract calling for 50 per cent of his earnings for seven years. "Nothing happened, but it still cost my father a lot of money to buy me out of the deal. Since then, without a manager, I have had two top records as a recording artist ('Cherry, Cherry' and 'Solitary Man') and another top 10 song as a writer: 'Sunday and Me,' by Jay and the Americans.

The 22-year-old artist pointed out, "In reality, a truly talented group or singer or writer who is persistent will come to the attention of a music publishing

company, a booking agency, or a record company on his own."

"Many times the owner of a small record company looks to spread himself out and hedge his bets through management. He will own a couple of publishing companies and have a deal with a booking agency, all for the sole purpose of exploiting and tying up his artists completely. He figures that, in the event of any small success that might come the artist's way, he's 'covered' from every conceivable angle."

Diamond considers artists "extremely fortunate" in rare occasions where they hooked up with a good personal manager from the beginning. However, Diamond feels good personal management is both available and meaningful only after the artist has attained a degree of maturity and recognition.

He explained, "In my own case, if I could find the right personal manager at this moment, I would sign with him. I've established myself as a hit writer and a chart artist. My booking agency tells me that the reports have been uniformly good on my personal appearances. To break into the other areas of show business in which I am interested, such as TV, films and to upgrade the quality of my engagements, astute management would probably be an asset. I don't think I would want to have him involved in my writing or recording, however, and probably I would be better off if he avoided that area completely."

But his advice to any new artist who is about to make a

management agreement is to wait until he has a little understanding of the business and of himself. "Nobody can sing for you and nobody can write for you. When you're out there on stage—you're all alone."

Trade in Groove

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admits that people have been confused as to his main loyalty. With London 20 years this January, Camarata feels his identity has been with the British firm. But he's no slouch with his domestic activities. For six years he's managed the recording studio, started mainly to handle his own productions. Now, he says, Disney, the Ti-Juana Brass, Elektra and Liberty are key accounts and he sometimes "has trouble getting into the studio himself."

Swingle Singers

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phazised the Spanish rhythms of the Albeniz "Zortico." Two of the most familiar pieces which went over well were Mozart's "Sonata in C Major" and a movement from Haydn's "Symphony No. 94 (Surprise)" from which "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" is derived.

Possibly the most remarkable thing about the Swingle Singers is that even with style which would seem to limit variety, the group can produce a thoroughly interesting program.

FRED KIRBY

Margaret Whiting Credits A&R Men, Walt McGuire

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Billboard's Easy Listening chart and high on the Hot 100 chart. Today's record business has a whole new approach, she said. "It's now vitally important to have the right producers. In the old days, the record company would assign anyone to produce your session, but today the producer is all responsible. I work a month on a record now, and I never did that in my life."

After being on Capitol Records for years, she went to Dot, then Verve, but had not had

anything for three or four years in the way of records.

"I wanted to have a hit record again. Bobby Darin and Frank Sinatra had proved it could be done. I studied the teen market. My 15-year-old daughter, Debbie Bush, helped by bringing in her friends to listen to me sing. Her opinion was that I was a little square and ought to change my name to Maggie. I played a record by Petula Clark before Petula recorded 'Downtown' and my daughter didn't recognize the artist. So I knew it was a matter of being commercial."

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Radio programming

Programmed Commercials Help Pave Way to Success for WAYS

By CLAUDE HALL

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Even the commercials on audience WAYS are "programmed." Commercials, as well as records, contribute to a modern station's sound, said program director Jack Gale.

"Our air personalities will move a commercial if they have just finished with a slow record and the commercials that can be moved during any given half-hour are marked on the log. Certain commercials, of course, are aired at designated times. Local commercials generally are not musical jingles; thus are not considered in the station's drive for a special sound.

Basically, the programming might be a fast record followed by a Wrigley chewing gum musical commercial, then another fast-paced record. "The commercial would fit perfectly in between, because it's slower paced than the records," Nation noted.

While a few of these musical commercials can be switched about during a given half-hour period, the records can't. They're played, as called for, by Gale, who makes up the next day's programming list before going

home each afternoon. Because of the commercials, several records in a row might be considered hard rock 'n' roll tunes, as long as the commercials give a change-of-pace.

Successful Format

This type of programming—disparaged in Boston before Gale left WMEX—has proven vastly successful. When the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kaplan (Stan Kaplan is president, his wife, Sis Kaplan, is general manager) took over the station in May 1965 it featured automated tape programming of a rock 'n' roll nature and was only as high as fourth in the teen-listeners hours after school. The Kaplans and Gale went on the air June 7, 1965, with personalities and the type of programming that Gale and Kaplan, who'd been national sales manager of WMEX, had visualized.

Today, Hooper audience surveys show the station as a substantial leader throughout the entire day, even during the morning. From a station of nine in 1965, the station has grown to 38 people. From the old building which normally housed the station, WAYS has expanded into a house trailer that contains the sales staff temporarily while a new building is under construction. The trailer

will then be given away in a contest. The station has been very big on contest promotions; latest is an effort to give away a German cannon to some high school to use at football games.

Quite necessarily, WAYS does not program its music strictly for Charlotte. All surveys show the station with a tremendous audience in outlying cities like Gastonia, Concord and Monroe. In compiling the station's playlist, which varies among from 36 records to 45, WAYS calls from 17 to 19 record stores, but

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FRED SAPIORA, president of Singer One-Stop, left, with WLS deputy Bernie Allen and RCA's Youngbloods during group of recent Chicago debut artists. From left, are Jesse Colin Young, Jerry Corbitt, Joe Bauer, and Banana.

KHJ, TV'er Pull Singles Scoops

By ELIOT TIEGEL

LOS ANGELES—KHJ and its sister station, KHI-TV, are riding a run of single exclusives. The TV wing recently entered the contemporary music scene with a "Boss City" Saturday afternoon program featuring KHI disk jockeys and guest stars.

Two singles, "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys and the Association's "Pandora's Golden Heebie Jeebies" were debuted on the TV show, according to Ron Jacobs, who

programs the AM radio operation.

Within the last six weeks the following singles were given KHJ exclusively, Jacobs said: Donovan's "Mellow Yellow," the Hollies' "Stop, Stop, Stop," Bobby Darin's "Girl That Stood Beside Me," Herman's Hermits' "Fast West" and "Dandy," the Monkees' "I'm a Believer" and the Rolling Stones' "Have You Seen Your Mother, Baby, Standing in the Shadows?"

A Vital Boost

Despite criticism from record manufacturers that KHJ's tight playlist makes it difficult to ex-

pose a significant number of new products, the station gives a single a vital boost when the tune is added to its "Boss 30" playlist, Jacobs said. He added that the acquiring of exclusives is a "mutual evolution" between the station and the labels. KHJ's ratings place it as the top rocker in the market.

In addition to the basic 30-title list, the station includes "a handful of 'hit-bound' songs" which are pulled, such as "I Want to Be Free" and "Monkee Theme" from the group's LP.

Cross-Channel

KHJ and KFRC, the RKO General top 40 station in San Francisco, are cross-channeling their promotional themes back and forth, said Jacobs, who brainstorms the local station's kookie contests and audience grabbers.

With more than a year in its current chart singles format, KHJ's sound has hardened into a tight, mechanical operation with soft station identifications bracketing songs, news and commercials. One important development has been the emergence of Don Steele's shouting, uptempo brand of announcing as the style which all the other deejays now imitate.

WLS-FM Backing Singles Stereo Fight

By RAY BRACK

CHICAGO—WLS-FM Station manager Harvey Wittenberg joins the growing number of stereo broadcasters asking for some records to come up with some kind of stereo versions of hit singles.

WLS-FM bears little resemblance to its rollicking sister station—WLS, which programs Hot 100 chart tunes—and Wittenberg feels WLS-FM may be exerting more influence on album sales in this market than some record company promotion people realize.

"Not so the local guys, though," said Wittenberg. "They know we have an open door policy for promotion men and they can come in any hour of the day. We're called on constantly by Columbia, Capitol, RCA Victor, Command,

Warner Bros., Reprise, London, and everybody else with LPs. We're not automated, and we like something—and we listen to all of it—we'll play it right away."

WLS-FM has been known to air a cut within an hour after a record company representative brought it in. This happened with the new Stravinsky LP, Morning Man (9-23-66 Mike Rapchak) is known for pulling this off regularly.

The station, which signs on at 9:30 and off at midnight, is now seventh in Chicago's FM ratings but hopes to move up a notch in future reports. Steve Hodges in the afternoon and Bob Porter in the evening round out the on-the-air crew, save for Wittenberg himself, who handles play-by-play of Chicago Blackhawks hockey games on the station.

KTOK Album Winner By a Long 61% Slot

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—KTOK, with determination and hard work, has captured the No. 1 position in the market here as the major influence on album sales—indication of not only a vast young adult and adult audience, but a commanding ability to persuade them to buy product. The station ranked as leader by a heavy margin of votes in Billboard's latest Radio Response Ratings survey of the market, after ranking a close second behind KOZY a year ago.

This time, there was no doubt as KTOK scored 61 per cent of the votes of businessmen whose living depends on record sales—record dealers, distributors, one-stop operators, and local and national record company executives.

KTOK is owned by a group of interests that include movie actor Jimmy Stewart and station president William D. Schueler. The station now ranks No. 2 in

audience surveys, Schueler said. This includes a Hooper rating of No. 1 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Schueler has been at KTOK about two and a half years. He brought music director Bob Riggins with him from KJEM in Oklahoma City. Together, they've built the station from an also-ran to a power. Schueler serves as program director and president; Riggins as music director and air personality.

Of the records played, about a third are albums, another third are current Easy Listening singles, the rest are past hits. The station has about 800 past hit records, but doesn't play them as much as current records—just, in fact, to keep the station from "sounding teenish," said Riggins.

Riggins, who selects all of the music, listens to both sides of every record. "And we get hundreds of so you can imagine the work involved. But it's worth it because we get some good records to play, even if many of them never become hits."

56% Go for WVON

CHICAGO—WVON is the No. 1 influence on sales of r&b records in this market, according to 56 per cent of the record dealers, distributors, one-stop operators, and record company executives. A typographical error in the Nov. 19 issue listed the station as No. 1 in the Radio Response Rating survey, but with only 5 per cent of the votes.

Elektra's First Country LP

NEW YORK—Elektra Records began servicing last week of its first country music product—"Bare Country" by the Charles River Valley Boys—to 2,225 radio stations programming country music. This included said promotion chief Steve Harris, every station playing even an hour of country music. However, Elektra is also aiming the unusual album, which hinges on tunes by the Beatles, at the pop market and will service key pop stations, too. The label scored recently with "Bare Country," a "Baroque Beatles Book," which was played by pop stations as well as classical music radio stations. It's hoped that the country music stations and pop stations will expose the new country record, Harris said. It was produced by Jack Ruby by Paul A. Rothchild and Peter Segel.



DAVE DUDLEY, Mercury artist, is at left talking with program manager of Mercury Alan Meltzer, center, and country music deejay Bob Hanger of WINA, Charlotteville, Va.

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only three of these in are Charlotte — a store that sells primarily r&b records, a major department store, and "one swinging record store."

Heard in States
Gale said that WAYS is heard in Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia, as well as North Carolina. In the Billboard Radio Response Rating survey of the market about three months ago, the station was shown as the leading influence on sales of singles records with 60 per cent of the votes; this RKR survey is a prime indication that the station commands a heavy teen and young adult audience and has positive ability to persuade this audience to buy product.

The station distributes 5,000 copies of its playlist each week to record stores in the area. It features 40 records and on any given week 16 records of these or more will probably be r&b records in nature. But today, Gale felt, more and more r&b records are being recorded to both the r&b and the pop markets. WAYS ordinarily plays very little of the psychedelically-sounding records. "Kids around here would rather have that Tamla-Motown type of beat. One week, we had 13 Tamla-Motown records on our playlist out of 40."

Upcoming records get stronger airplay than those that have begun to drop on the chart. An example is when "Cherish," by the Association had begun falling. While it was still No. 8 on the station's play-

list, based on area sales, a new record by the Supremes was getting played more often, though it was still low on the chart.

Another factor in the station's success, Gale felt, was the permanency of the staff. "Since we took over the station in June 1965, we've only had one staff change and only because he was drafted."

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Week	Title, Artist, Label, No. & P.	Weeks on Chart	Week	Title, Artist, Label, No. & P.	Weeks on Chart
1	YOU KEEP ME HANGIN' ON The Isley Brothers 1191 (Jobete, BMI)	4	26	17 FA-FA-FA-FA Otis Redding 128 (Sire-Hebrew, BMI)	9
2	DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR B. K. King, ABC 10556 (Mercedez, BMI)	8	27	30 BETCHA (Coulton's Love Me) Manhattans, Carnival 522 (Sennova, BMI)	5
3	I'M READY FOR LOVE Martha & Vandellas, Gordy 7056 (Jobete, BMI)	8	28	31 DON'T PASS ME BY Ray Charles, Buac 14969 (Streetwin, BMI)	4
4	DON'T BE A DROP OUT James Brown & The Famous Flames, King 4056 (Pyramid, BMI)	8	29	26 STAND IN FOR LOVE D'Angelo, Imperial 46197 (Metrif-Barnes, BMI)	11
5	LOVE IS A HURTIN' THING Lou Rawls, Capitol 5707 (Rainbow, BMI)	14	30	21 BANG! Bang! Bang! Joe Cocker, Vee 475 (Cordon, BMI)	8
6	I'M YOUR PUPPET James & Bobby Purify, Ball 47 (Fame, BMI)	11	31	24 A-B-Y Carla Thomas, Swan 195 (East, BMI)	8
7	5 WINEPERS Jackie Wilson, Brunswick 55300 (Jalynme-BIC, BMI)	9	32	15 STAY WITH ME Lorraine Ellison, Warner Bros. 5850 (Capricorn-Gershwin, BMI)	8
8	KNOCK ON WOOD Eddie Floyd, Swan 194 (East, BMI)	15	33	35 DEVIL WITH ANGEL'S SMILE Ingrida, Gennep 302 (Razorshepe, BMI)	6
9	HEAVEN MUST HAVE SENT YOU Elgins, V.P.P. 25037 (Jobete, BMI)	11	34	29 STANDING ON GUARD Reckon, Big Wheel 1967 (Muskrat & Big Wheel, BMI)	3
10	BUT IT'S ALRIGHT J. J. Jackson, Cella 119 (Tennison, BMI)	10	35	18 BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP Temptations, Gordy 7055 (Jobete, BMI)	15
11	SECRET LOVE Billy Stewart, Chess 1978 (Rennick, ASCAP)	7	36	20 I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF Sharon Warrick, Sparan 12149 (U.S. Songs, ASCAP)	8
12	IT TEARS ME UP Percy Sledge, Atlantic 2336 (Fame, BMI)	11	37	41 FORGET ABOUT ME Patience Brown, Mercury 72621 (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI)	2
13	(Come "Breakers") I'M THE ONE YOU NEED Minerals, Tamla 5440 (Jobete, BMI)	14	38	40 BOOKER T & THE M.G.'s, Swan 196 (Sire-Bell, BMI)	4
14	SHAKE YOUR TANGORINE Bobby Mercurio, Cameo 429 (Fame, BMI)	9	39	43 WE'RE LYING & BABY Aretha Franklin, Columbia 43827 (Blackwood, BMI)	4
15	WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED Jimmy Griffin, Soul 35022 (Jobete, BMI)	18	40	— WE GOT A THING THAT'S IN THE GROOVE I Capitons, Kren 1526 (McLaughlin, BMI)	2
16	COME BACK S. Steir-Step, Windy C 603 (Carnel, BMI)	5	41	49 JOY, WALKER & THE ALL STARS, Soul 33026 (Jobete, BMI)	2
17	PEAK OF LOVE Bobby McCarty, Checker 1156 (Cherry, BMI)	4	42	44 I'M GONNA MISS YOU Jalynme-BIC, BMI	1
18	I FOOLED YOU THIS TIME Gene Chandler, Chess 1355 (Gardner-Jalynme, BMI)	4	43	— TRY MY LOVE AGAIN Bobby Moore's Rhythm Aces, Checker 1156 (ABC, BMI)	1
19	3 HOLY COW Lee Dorsey, Amy 965 (Manarat, BMI)	3	44	— PATCH MY HEART Mad Lads, Volt 139 (East, BMI)	1
20	A PLACE IN THE SUN Steve Wonder, Tamla 54129 (Sire-Tennison, ASCAP)	3	45	— I'M GLAD I WAITED Players, Mini 22012 (Aldine, BMI)	1
21	RYNIN' ST Mighty Mighty, Ruffine 021 (Bald Ltd, BMI)	4	46	— MUSTANG SALLY Wilbur Clark, Atlantic 2345 (Fourteenth Street, BMI)	1
22	AM I A LOSER Eddie Holmes, Pacific 106 (Barthol, Cameo, Parkway, BMI)	3	47	— TELL IT LIKE IT IS Anne Newsome, Perfis 101 (Gfrop, BMI)	1
23	POURING WATER ON A DROWNING MAN James Carr, Gordy 311 (Orpheus-Quincy, BMI)	6	48	— HOW MUCH PRESSURE (Do You Think I Can Stand) Buster Poole, Warner 1143 (Franklin, BMI)	1
24	REACH OUT, I'LL BE THERE Four Tops, Motown 1098 (Jobete, BMI)	13	49	50 MY BABY'S GONE Donald Bright, Shout 204 (Web TV, BMI)	2
25	(I Knew) I'M LOSING YOU The Temptations, Gordy 7037 (Jobete, BMI)	2	50	— LET'S FALL IN LOVE Fletcher & Herb, Date 1353 (Blackwood, BMI)	1

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TOP SELLING R & B LP's

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Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	Weeks on Chart	Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	Weeks on Chart
1	1 LOU RAWLS SOULING Carnet T 2566 (S) 2566 (S)	14	14	12 WILD IS THE WIND New Sound, Pavilion PHM 200-207 (M) PMS 600-207 (M)	14
2	2 SUPREMES A' GO-GO Motown MLP 442 (M) SLP 649 (S)	11	15	5 A CHANGE IS GONNA COME Brother Jack McDuff, Atlantic 1463 (M) 20 1463 (S)	16
3	3 WADE IN THE WATER Benny Linn, Capitol 774 (M) LPS 774 (S)	14	16	10 A COLLECTION OF 16 BIG HITS, VOL. 5 Various Artists, Motown M 651 (M) S 651 (S)	5
4	4 GETTIN' READY Temptations, Gordy 918 (M) SLP 918 (S)	22	17	14 ROAD RUNNER Joe Walker & The All Stars, Soul SLP 703 (M) S 703 (S)	10
5	5 THE EXCITING WILSON PICKETT Atlantic 8129 (M) SLP 8129 (S)	15	18	22 WARME AND TENDER SOUL Percy Sledge, Atlantic 8122 (M) SLP 8122 (S)	3
6	6 LIVING SOUL Richard (Groove) Holmes, Prestige PR 7468 (M) PMS 7468 (S)	9	19	18 TENDER LOVING CARE Nancy Wilson, Capitol T 2555 (M) SLP 2555 (S)	3
7	7 CARLA Carla Thomas, Swan 709 (M) SLP 709 (S)	9	20	16 SOUL BROTHER #1 James Brown & His Famous Flames, King PMS (M) S 965 (S)	13
8	8 TEQUILA Vic Montgomery, Verve V 8653 (M) V-8653 (S)	15	21	21 HOLD ON! I'M COMING! Sam & Dave, Swan 700 (M) SLP 700 (S)	19
9	9 LOU RAWLS LIVE! Capitol T 2459 (M) SLP 2459 (S)	32	22	23 HE'LL BE BACK Players, Mini LP 40006 (M) SLP 40006 (S)	3
10	10 ON TOP Four Tops, Motown MLP 442 (M) SLP 442 (S)	15	23	— BUCKETS Jimmy Smith, Blue Note BLP 4235 (M) BLP 4235 (S)	1
11	11 RAY'S MOODS Ray Charles, His Own & Chorus, ABC ABC 550 (M) ABC 550 (S)	10	24	— AND NOW! Booker T & The M.G.'s, Swan 711 (M) S 711 (S)	1
12	12 THE OTIS REDDING DICTIONARY OF SOUL Vol. 415 (M) S 415 (S)	13	25	25 HANFUL OF SOUL James Brown, Smash MGS 27064 (M) SLP 27064 (S)	2
13	13 THE NEW LEE DORSEY Amy 8011 (M) 8011 (S)	6			



SOUNDTRACK SPECIAL

FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Original Soundtrack, United Artists UAL 4144 (M), UAS 5144 (S)

With the music gathering rave reviews around the country, this soundtrack has got to be a smash. Starring Zev Meisel and Paul Shure, the movie contains many of the songs found in the long-running Broadway play plus additional music by Stephen Sondheim.



POP SPOTLIGHT

THEME FROM "THE BIBLE"

David Rose, Capitol DT 2627 (M), ST 2627 (S)

A truly outstanding combination—the richly lush orchestrations of conductor-arranger David Rose and some of the most beautiful epic film themes ever written. "The Bible," "David" and "The Greatest Story Ever Told" are represented in this well-produced album, which should enjoy healthy sales. "Love Theme From Ben-Hur" is especially moving.



POP SPOTLIGHT

WHISPER NOT

Ella Fitzgerald, Verve V-4071 (M), V-4071 (S)

Ella Fitzgerald's late affair with the lyric continues. Whether it's new material like "Bessie and Lester" and "Milk and Honey" or the 30-year-old "Sweet Georgia Brown," Miss Fitzgerald gives us long her own stamp the status of genius.

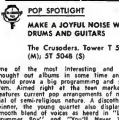


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STAY WITH ME

Vic Damone, RCA Victor LPM 3671 (M), LSP 3671 (S)

Assemble a program of first-rate newer songs, and a bonus new rhythm to Ernie Freeman's smooth arrangements, let Vic Damone capture the lyric, and the result is an outstanding album loaded with top sale potential. Highlights in the exceptional package are "New Treasures," "Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars" and the beautiful hit tune.



POP SPOTLIGHT

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE WITH DRUMS AND GUITARS

The Crusaders, Tower T 3048 (M), ST 3048 (S)

One of the most interesting and well thought out albums in some time and it should prove a big commercial and sales item. Aimed right at the teen market it features current pop arrangements of material of semi-religious nature. A discographic feature, the young quartet also plays a smooth blend of vocal as heard in "Little Drummer Boy" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."



POP SPOTLIGHT

THERE IS A TIME

Lito Minnelli, Capitol DT 2448 (M), ST 2448 (S)

Miss Minnelli has come of age in this, her most powerful album entry to date. The selections are predominantly French origin, and the vocal performance and arrangements are of the highest quality. "The Love of the Waltz" is exceptionally moving, and there's a rousing "One of These Songs." The album is definitely a winner—artistically and commercially.



POP SPOTLIGHT

FROM RIO WITH LOVE

Walter Wanderley, Tower T 3047 (M), ST 3047 (S)

Although under contract to Verve, this package of fresh material should garner big sales for Tower. The program is comprised basically of new and pulsating rhythms with the staidly "Quiet Nights" to add to the programming and jazz strength. Exceptional Wanderley performances.

NEW ACTION ALBUMS

★ NATIONAL BREAKOUTS

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Lawrence Wells, Dot DLP 3774 (M), DLP 3774 (S)
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SO WHAT'S NEW

Harriet Jenkowsky, Mercury MGM 21093 (M), SR 61093 (S)
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★ NEW ACTION LP'S

These new albums, not yet on Billboard's Top LP's Chart, have been reported getting strong sales action by dealers in major markets.

GOLDEN GREATS . . .

Vic Damone, Dalton BLP 2048 (M), BST 8048 (S)
(425-02848-3; 425-08048-5)

MORE GREATEST HITS . . .

Dave Clark Five, Epic LN 24221 (M), BN 24221 (S)
(465-24221-3; 465-24221-5)

SIDE BY SIDE . . .

Sandler & Young, Capitol T 2598 (M), ST 2598 (S)
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TINY BUBBLES . . .

Dan Ho, Reprise R 6232 (M), RS 6232 (S) (780-06232-3; 780-08232-5)

SPAGHETTI SAUCE . . .

Pot Cooper, United Artists UAL 3548 (M), UAS 8548 (S)
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ALFIE . . .

Sony Rollin/Film Score, Impulse A 9111 (M), AS 9111 (S) (575-09111-3; 575-09111-5)

BROADWAY BASIE'S WAY . . .

Count Basie and His Orchestra, Command RS 905 (M); RS 905 SD (S) (355-00905-3; 355-00905-5)

PAINTER OF HITS . . .

Lee Christie, MGM E 4394 (M), SE 4394 (S)
(660-04394-3; 660-04394-5)

JOKER WENT WILD/RUN LOOK AND SEE . . .

Brian Hyland, Philips PHM 200-217 (M), PHS 800-217 (S)
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SWINGIN' . . .

Ronney Lewis, Cadet LP 771 (M), LPS 771 (S)
(245-00771-3; 245-00771-5)



POP SPOTLIGHT

THE AMIGOS "GOES LATIN"

Capitol DT 2626 (M), ST 2626 (S)

The Latin Scene gets more popular in record sales every day. Here's a group with mariachi trumpets and exciting Mexican guitar that comes through with driving new dance appeal via drums. Great for listening, too. "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Strangers in the Night"—in English.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

SCHUBERT: DEATH AND THE MAIDEN

Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau/Gerd Moore, Apple 36342 (M), S 36342 (S)

There's a total of 14 leaders in this excellent record which once again brings together two fine artists. Phrasing by both is remarkable. "Der Tod und das Mädchen," "Der Wanderer" and "Der Winternacht" are perfect examples.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

TCHAIKOVSKY: EUGENE ONEGIN/THE QUEEN OF SPADES

Wunderlich/Various Artists/Bavarian State Orchestra (Zelinger), Apple 36376 (M), S 36376 (S)

Although this album spotlights the late Fritz Wunderlich, vocal honors are definitely shared by soprano Mollie Muzzley and baritone Hermann Prey, who appear in both operas, and best Gottlieb Frick, whose singing of Prince Gremin's aria in the "Onegin" highlights is admirable. The quality of performance and fineness of the disk, issued so soon after Wunderlich's death, should overcome the drawback of its being performed in German instead of the original Russian.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

PURCELL: DIDO & AENEAS

De los Angeles/Glossop/Various Artists/English Chamber Orchestra (Rochberg), Apple 36359 (M), S 36359 (S)

Victoria de los Angeles, Peter Glossop and Harriet Harper are the excellent stars of this outstanding recording of Purcell's 17th Century opera only led by Sir John Barbirolli. With harpsichordist Raymond Leppard, the Ambrosian Singers and the English Chamber Orchestra.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

OPERATIC SAINTS & SINNERS

Jorane Hines/Yvonne Stone Opera Orchestra (Stone), Epic LC 3934 (M), BC 1324 (S)

Celebrating Hines' 20 years with the Metropolitan Opera, this Epic disk offers the best of this best, outstanding among the dozen stars are two new from "The Queen" and "Metastasele" and "Il Lucifero" by "Simon Boccanegra."



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

HAYDN: THREE QUARTETS

Julius Sling Quartet, Epic LC 3931 (M), BC 1331 (S)

The many delights of these three works burst through in this effective recording. Outstanding riffs, sensibility, interpretive skills in technical achievement. Of special note is the Adagio of "No. 34, No. 2." Harmonies here are telling.

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ALBUM REVIEWS (continued)



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

THE YOUNG MOZART

Various Artists/Camerata Accademica of the Salzburg Mozarteum (Foumpertner). Angel 36377 (M); S 36377 (S)

Simplicity and tight playing make this recording of three of Mozart's early works a pleasure to hear throughout. The three soloists, conductor Foumpertner and the orchestra unite in technique and feeling.



LOW PRICE CLASSICAL

SPOTLIGHT

TCHAIKOVSKY: 1812 OVERTURE/MARCHES SLAVE/ROMEO AND JULIET/SLEEPING BEAUTY WALTZ
Royal Philharmonic (Sergent). Seraphim 60022 (M); S 60022 (S)

Anyone who missed Sir Malcolm's superb "1812 Overture" on Angel has an opportunity to pick up this budget album. The performance is among the most familiar in the classical field, and the Royal Philharmonic's treatment is worthy of the composer.



LOW-PRICE CLASSICAL

SPOTLIGHT

STRAVINSKY: FIREBIRD SUITE/BISET: CHILDREN'S GAMES/RAVEL: MOTHER GOOSE SUITE
Philharmonia Orchestra (Giulini). Seraphim 60022 (M); S 60022 (S)

Giulini turns his creative talents to these three imaginative and popular works. He gives "Firebird" fire and zeal, brings a fresh rhythmic force to the passages, "Children's Games," and "Mother Goose" will be enjoyed by both the small fry and adults.



LOW PRICE CHILDREN'S

SPOTLIGHT

SPY WITH A PIE
Soppy Sale. Simon Says M49 (M)

Soppy goes here spy in the most part here, and the results are really funny in this disk formerly released under ABC Paramount label. He takes up the chase against "INK" (ink) Network of Kooka, that goes into a different bag with such things as "What Did the Animals Say?" and "We're Going to the Circus."



JAZZ SPOTLIGHT

BLUE PYRAMID

Jahony Hodges/Wild Bill Davila. Verve V-8625 (M); V6-8625 (S)

With electric guitar, Fender bass and the Bill Davis organ, Hodges gives soul to today's rock 'n' roll and simultaneously gives off a few of the old goodies. It all has a very modern and driving sound. This will appeal to young and old.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

THE ART OF HELMUT WALCHA

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LOW PRICE CHILDREN'S

SPOTLIGHT

THE OFFICIAL ADVENTURES OF FLASH GORDON
Buster Crabbe/Various Artists. Leo the Lion CM-1028 (M)

Filled with suspense, adventure and excitement, this album will be the delight of every child. An excellent gift for the holidays.



JAZZ SPOTLIGHT

STAN GETZ/LAURINDO ALMEIDA

Verve V-8665 (M); V6-8665 (S)

Another winner for Stan Getz. With Laurindo Almeida (guitar) and a superb group of Latin specialists, the popular saxophonist surges through his swinging Brazilian tracks. Attractively packaged and beautifully produced, this album should do very well in the pop-jazz market.



JAZZ SPOTLIGHT

MISTY

Richard (Groove) Holmes. Prestige PR 7485

Riding in on the crest of two chart singles, "Misty" and "What Now, My Love," the Holmes trio has come up with an album that will move quickly up the album charts. The extended versions of "On the Street Where You Live" and "There Will Never Be Another You" are blockbusters, and this LP should enjoy healthy sales in the jazz, R&B and pop markets.

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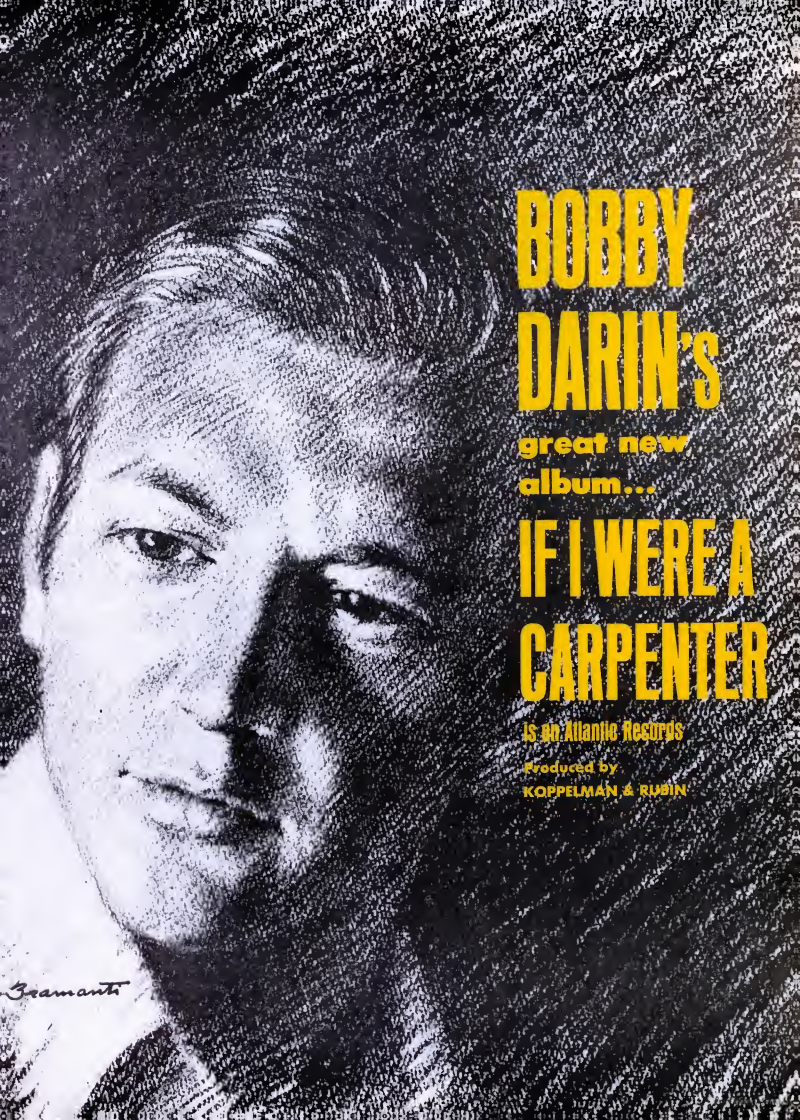
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New 'Messiah' Versions Highlight Yule Activity

By FRED KIRBY

NEW YORK—While many special classical packages figure to make idle holiday gifts, special attention on several fronts is being given Handel's "Messiah." Two new complete versions (on Philips and RCA Victor) and three highlight disks (on Columbia and Angel and London Phase 4) are being pushed. In addition, older complete treatments on Columbia, Westminster and Vanguard are perennial sellers.

Both new complete sets spotlight the orchestras, the London Symphony under Colin Davis on Philips and the Robert Shaw Chorale and Orchestra on Victor. Leonard Bernstein conducted the New York Philhar-

monic on the Columbia highlight disk; Otto Klemperer, the Philharmonic Orchestra on Angel with Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Nicolai Gedda and Jeron Hines on Angel; and Leopold Stokowski's London Symphony on the Phase 4 disk. Columbia usually does well with a complete "Messiah" featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, while Westminster can always count on seasonal sales from its "Messiah" with the late Hermann Scherchen conducting the Vienna State Opera Orchestra. Scherchen also conducts the Vanguard package.

Considered a hot Christmas gift item is Victor's "Opening

Nights at the Met," which contains the music from the curtain call of the old Metropolitan Opera House. Other new packages considered right for presents are collections of Beethoven's Symphonies, the Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia on Columbia and by William Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony on Concord.

Deutsche Grammophon and Angel both have new packages of Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis," the former conducted by Herbert von Karajan, while Otto Klemperer leads the other. Angel also has issued the first complete release of "Mozdie," Vaughn Williams' Christmas cantata, while Deutsche Grammophon has "Christmas in Provence," with music by Tomasi and Saboly.

Opera packages figure prominently in record company Christmas plans, including Columbia's re-entry of the complete opera field with Verdi's "Falstaff" starring Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. Leonard Bernstein conducts the Vienna Philharmonic in the package. Big things also are expected from London's forthcoming release of Rossini's "Semiramide" starring Joan Sutherland and Marilyn Horne, a follow-up to that label's successful pressing of Verdi's "Nabucco" starring Eleanore Kuhlman and Tito Gobbi.

Everest is reissuing 36 complete operas formerly on Cetra, while four historic Mozart operas were re-released last week on Turnabout through a deal between Vox and EMI. Helicon is re-issuing the MGM package of Moore's "The Ballerina Baby Doe" and Prokofiev's "War and Peace" in their Christmas sales. Angel has repackaged three collections: "The Genius of Puccini" and "Opera Gala" starring many leading operatic artists, and "The Art of Maria Callas" for the Christmas market.

Other new multiple sets issued in time for the holiday are a five-LP package of Helmut Walcha playing Bach organ works on Archiv and the Budapest String Quartet and violist Walter Trampler on Columbia in "Mystical" quartets and Bach's "Partitas" by Glen Gould on Columbia. Everest also is presenting its Archives of Piano Master series.

Decca, whose current holiday offering is "A Baroque Christmas," usually has good Christmas business with the New York Pro Musica's "The Play of Daniel," a two-disk (Continued on page 54)

Leinsdorf & Boston in Blew-Par 1st Work

NEW YORK—Whether playing baroque, romantic or contemporary music, Boston Symphony under Erich Leinsdorf can be counted on to deliver an interesting program as was the case of Philharmonic Hall on Nov. 18. Unfortunately, not everything came off well.

The major disappointment was the newest work, William Symeant's "In Memoriam John F. Kennedy," which received its initial New York performance two days earlier. The piece consists of excerpts from the late President's speeches, a Stephen Spender poem, a selection from Ecclesiastes and quotations from Kennedy biographies, all read rather theatrically by E. G. Marshall. The music wavered between romantic and modern. The effect was of program music that didn't quite make it.

Lili Kraus: Tough Night

NEW YORK—It isn't very often that one attends a concert and witnesses a dress rehearsal instead. Actually, only a small portion seemed that way but it was enough to jolt the audience and make Lili Kraus seem human, based upon her previously rich and flawless piano readings of Mozart. As a matter of fact, the incident endeared her even more to the observers—if that's possible.

She had just completed the "Concerto No. 8" (Lutzow) in their Third Town Hall concert (55), in which the pianist was trying to give the uncomplicated work dash and tenderness. The orchestra played the prelude for the Allegro of Concerto No. 26, then she began a cadenza (all the passages in this work are her own). She suddenly stopped, apologized (which set off rounds of applause), went back to the wings and came back with a page turner and sheet music. Conductor Stephen Simon, or (Continued on page 56)

Watts Pours on Power in Extraordinary Performance

NEW YORK—Columbia Records' Andrew Watts is a pianist with high-voltage power. Even in his all-too-brief performance with the American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall last Monday (21), he attacked Edward Elgar's "Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 23" with all the fury of an electrical storm, and made the work diminish precisely and effectively.

Previously thought of as a minor if not undistinguished player, the concerto, in Watts' remarkable and well-handled, and conducted with close, adorned unity by Leopold Stokowski, was transformed into a selection of major importance. It is certainly deserving of a recording—and by these very performers.

From the very opening solo of the Larghetto, which almost cries with anguish, Watts builds with feeling, extraordinary vitality and purpose. In the Presto, there was an ever present wit and charge, and the final movement, with its theme repeated again, received that special Watts' interpretation. Here, in addition, he displayed

a versatility, as his hands cajoled and teased and were played.

Stokowski gave too warm a reading in the Brahms "Symphony No. 1 in C Minor." There was little excitement, and even the Adagio-Allegro, which should make for some real fire, hardly smoldered. True, there was an excellent performance by the first violin, in the second movement, which does hold. But the pacing in the entire piece was too spotty and Stokowski's range too broad. "Mystical" by the Ballerina, by American composer Alan Hovhaness, served as an excellent opener. And here Stokowski fared much better; fare better he should, for the selection was composed on a commission by Stokowski for his debut as permanent conductor of the Houston Symphony in 1955.

It is a superior work, with both a lyrical and ecclesiastical quality, muted violins, celesta, harp and all, which work beautifully. Stokowski makes it moving and forceful, and molds it slowly through to its strong conclusion. ROBERT SOBEL

DGG Showcasing Bach Set With Special Display Ads

NEW YORK—Deutsche Grammophon is shipping a special promotional display pieces to dealers on Christmas gift-giving suggestions for Deutsche Grammophon and a DGG product. Included is "The Basic Bach for Organ," which spotlights the specially priced five-LP set of organ works by Helmut Walcha playing Bach. The set sells for the price of three disks.

Another poster, "Their Finest Hours," features casts and full-color reproductions of the operatic sets of "Daphne," "Wozzeck," "Die Frau ohne Schatten," "Die Zaubervogel," "Rigoletto," and the pairing of "Cavallera" and "Pagliacci." "The Best of Bach" also is slated with reference of four Archive albums of the complete sets of "Daphne," being prepared on "Contem-

porary Classics," listing Henze's Five Symphonies, Schoenberg's "Gurre-Lieder," and Stockhausen's album of electronic music.

Also planned is a graphic advertising the exclusivity of the Herbert von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic. Included will be album cover reproductions of their releases, Beethoven's "Missa a Solennis," Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra," Strauss' "Don Quixote," and the combination of Ravel's "Bolero" and the Mussorgsky-Ravel "Pictures at an Exhibition."

A January promotion past-up will announce the Bayreuth Festival recording of "Tristan und Isolde," which will contain a disc adhered to a pre-pressed cardboard. The promotional pieces will be packed three to a box.

DANIEL STRONG HOLIDAY FAIRE

NEW YORK—"The Play of Daniel," a 12-century music drama, will receive increased exposure during the holiday season. The performance by the New York Pro Musica, who recorded the work for Decca, is being shown by National Educational Television. The ensemble also will present the production in a 10-city Eastern and Midwestern tour following eight New York City performances.

Dazzling Recital Is Put on by Gulda

L.A. SYMPHONY SEASON SAVED

LOS ANGELES—A last-minute settlement last Sunday (20), saved the Los Angeles Symphony season which opened on Wednesday (23). Members of Local 47 of the American Federation of Musicians okayed a three-year contract increasing the minimum weekly salary from \$180 to \$200 the first year; \$210, the second; and \$225, the third. The orchestra's season previously was announced canceled because of the contract dispute.

MacNeil Is Outstanding In the Met's 'Rigoletto'

NEW YORK—Cornell MacNeil, cast in the title role of "Rigoletto," definitely is the cut of the cloth for the performances of the Verdi warhorse at the Metropolitan Opera. MacNeil's rich baritone made up for some spots singing by other principals last Saturday (19). An exception was Bonaldo Giaiotti's "Sparafucile." "Die Frau ohne Schatten" by the Gaiotti clearly is one of the company's most dependable acts.

Roberta Peters, as sweet a Gilda as ever, sang prettily, but sounded thin in spots, especially the "Cara Nome" ending, while John Alexander, the possessor of a rich lyric tenor

NEW YORK—Eight years is too long for a virtuoso like Frederic Gulda to be absent from the New York recital stage. In his return to the Beethoven sonata program at Philharmonic Hall last Sunday (20), Gulda put on a dazzling display climaxing with the most difficult "Hammerklavier" sonata. In the hazardous Allegro resolute of the final movement, Gulda's playing was breathtaking.

The first part of the impressive program also sparked as Gulda played the "Patetique," (Continued on page 54)

voice, seemed more interested in demonstrating it than in portraying the Duke. This was relayed evident at the ending of "La Donna e Mobile," when he lost Lamberto Gardelli, an experienced operatic conductor leading the opera for the first time at the Met this season.

The opera house's wealth of basses again was apparent in the role of the servant, the noble alski in the small, but important role of Monterone. Nedda Cassel again was a competent Madama. The service of the production seemed at home in the new house, but MacNeil, in his two arias and in duets, was the afternoon's star. FRED KIRBY



the day I went to record
"Winchester Cathedral" the song gave me the idea —
I yearned for the 20's — so I went and purchased
one a paper megaphone — that was my 1st song.
For my second number I would like to try "Best Friend"*
a little tune written by John Sebastian.
Dana Rollin

Messiah* LP's Highlight Year

* Continued from page 52

"The Creation" of Haydn, and a de luxe three-record Golden Jubilee package of Andres Segovia. Heliodor has recently issued a set of "The Creation."

For the holiday season, Nonesuch is featuring Christmas music of Pretorius, a disk of Magnificats by Monteverdi and Schütz, "Fanzias for Contrabass for Brass," Hindemith's "Das Marienleben," "Music of Shakespeare's Time," and a disk of Russian folk songs.

Other appropriate disks from the budget label are Charpentier's "Oratorio de Noël," and Renaissance Choral Music for Christmas. Crossroads is presenting a collection of European Christmas carols. Philips is putting three Bach sets conducted by Loren Maazel, including Bach's "Mass in B Minor." The same work also is in the latest Everyman release.

Among other Columbia specially priced sets ideal for gifts are Rudolph Serkin's "Five Piano Concertos" of Beethoven, "Finnish Romantic Symphonies" conducted by Bernstein, romantic concertos played by Serkin, and the older Mozart symphonies conducted by Bruno Walter, Ormandy conducting ballets, Philippe Entremont playing "Great Romantic Concertos," Isaac Stern playing four violin concertos, Ormandy conducting Thaikovsky, and Gould playing Bach's "The Well-Tempered Clavier."

Other recent Victor packages considered right for gifts are "The Art of Koussevitzky," "Lohengrin" and "Leontyne Price—Prima Donna." Victor also has an older "Messiah" recording conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham as well as carol albums by Marian Anderson, Mario Lanza and the Robert Shaw Choral. Rounding out the Victor list are such gift possibilities as "Pops Christmas Party" with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra, "Jubilate Deo" with the Regensburg Boys Choir, "Christmas Music of the Baroque" with Carl Weinrich, the "Nutteracker Suite" with Fritz Reiner and the Chicago Symphony, "Presenting Montserrat Caballe," "The Art of the Cantor," "The Student Prince" with Mario Lanza, "Hallelujah" with the Robert Shaw Choral, Bach arias by Marian Anderson, and several opera sets.

New releases from Vanguard include the Deller Consort in Christmas carols and motets of medieval Europe on Bach Gold, German carols by Erich Kunz, and Czech and Polish carols with the Prague Children's Chorus. Earlier carol sets are by the Welch Child, Deller Consort and Alfred Deller. Other Christmas items in Vanguard's catalog include Bach Christmas cantatas, Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," and "18th Century Christmas" with I Solisti di Zagreb.

Angel expects holiday sales to be the best since its Orff's "Carmina Burana" conducted by Rafael Fruebeck de Burgos, "La Vida Breve" starring Victoria Landa Arredondo, "The Student Prince" with Peter Ustinov, Strauss' "Four Last Songs," with Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, and a new pressing of the Evergreen-disk's "Hansel and Gretel."

London Records, which expects Christmas sales from its current George Solti promotion,

BEST SELLING CLASSICAL LP's

This Week	Last Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	Weeks on Chart	This Week	Last Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	Weeks on Chart
							
2		LEONTYNE PRICE—Prima Donna RCA Victor LM 2998 (M); LSC 2998 (S)	8	23	20	BACH: LUTE SUITES NO. 1 & 2 Brem. RCA Victor LM 2896 (M); LSC 2896 (S)	13
1		OPENING NIGHTS AT THE MET (3-12") LP Various Artists, RCA Victor LM 6171 (M); LSC 6171 (S)	10	24	22	BETHOVEN: COMPLETE NINE SYMPHONIES (8-12") LP Berlin Phil. Orch. (Von Karajan), DGG (No Mono), S&W 101/108 (S)	14
4		MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 7 (2-12") LP New York Philharmonic (Bernstein) Co. MZL 339 (M); M25 739 (S)	8	25	27	FALLA: LA VIDA BREVE (2-12") LP De los Angeles & Various Artists/Orch. Nac. De Espana (De Burgos), Angel BL 3673 (M); SBL 3673 (S)	9
5		PUCCHINI: LA BOHEME (2-12") LP Various Artists, RCA Victor Orch. (Beecham), Seraphim IB 6000 (No Stars)	10	26	13	ROGERS: VICTORY AT SEA, VOL. 1 RCA Victor Symphony Orch. (Bernetti), RCA Victor LM 2335 (M); LSC 2335 (S)	18
8		ORFF: CARMINA BURANA Hersanyi, Petrak, Praszal/Philadelphia Orch. (Ormandy) Columbia ML 549B (M); MS 6193 (S)	11	27	29	BRUCKNER: SYMPHONY NO. 53 Cleveland Orch. (Szell), Columbia ML 5297 (M); MS 6893 (S)	4
6		ORFF: CARMINA BURANA New Philharmonic Orch. (DeBurgin), Angel 36333 (M); 36333 (S)	15	28	26	DVOŘAK: SYMPHONY NO. 9 (New World) N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Columbia ML 5793 (M); MS 6393 (S)	12
7		MY FAVORITE CHOPIN Van Cliburn, RCA Victor LM 2576 (M); LSC 2576 (S)	15	29	28	IVES: SYMPHONY NO. 1 Chicago Symphony Orch. (Roulet), RCA Victor LM 2893 (M); LSC 2893 (S)	27
6		NELSEN: SYMPHONY NO. 6 Philadelphia Orch. (Ormandy), Columbia ML 6282 (M); MS682 (S)	15	30	30	R. STRAUSS: FOUR LAST SONGS & OTHERS Schweitzer/Phil. Berlin Radio Symphony Orch. (Szell), Angel 3647 (M); S 3647 (S)	14
9		CHOPIN: WALTZES Rubinstein, RCA Victor LM 2726 (M); LSC 2726 (S)	35	31	31	BACH: ORGANO FAVORITES Bugs, Columbia ML 6148 (M); MS 6758 (S)	11
25		WAGNER: DIE WALKÜRE (5-12") LP Stern, King & Various Artists, Vienna Philharmonic (Solti), London A 5059 (M); OSA 1509 (S)	3	32	33	CHAIKOVSKY: OVERTURE 1812 Minneapolis Symphony Orch. (Dorelli), Mercury MG 50054 (M); SR 50054 (S)	21
14		BETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 5/HOW A GREAT SYMPHONY WAS WRITTEN N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Columbia ML 5668 (M); LSC 6468 (S)	6	35	35	MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 5 (2-12") LP Boston Symphony Orch. (Lindorff), RCA Victor LM 7044 (M); LSC 7044 (S)	24
12		WAGNER: LOHENGRIN (5-12") LP Various Artists/Boston Symphony Orch. (Lindorff), RCA Victor LM 6710 (M); LSC 6710 (S)	9	34	34	PROKOFIEV: PETER AND THE WOLF Royal Phil. Orch. (Dorelli)/Sean Connery, London PM 55008 (M); SPC 21007 (S)	7
13		BERNSTEIN CONDUCTS IVES N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Columbia ML 6243 (M); MS643 (S)	28	35	36	BARBER: CONCERTO FOR Cello AND ORCHESTRA Nelson, RCA Victor LM 6148 (M); LSC 6148 (S)	2
19		PUCCHINI: MADAME BUTTERFLY (3-12") LP Price, Tucker/RCA Victor Italian Orch. & Chorus (Lindorff), RCA Victor LM 6160 (M); LSC 6160 (S)	9	36	32	HORWITZ AT CARNEGIE HALL—AN HISTORIC RETURN (2-12") LP Columbia MZL 328 (M); M25 728 (S)	35
17		BEST OF THE BOSTON POPS Boston Pops (Fiedler), RCA Victor LM 2810 (M); LSC 2810 (S)	6	37	38	REVERIE Philadelpia Orch. (Ormandy), Columbia ML 5975 (M); MS 5975 (S)	13
16		MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 10 (2-12") LP Philadelpia Orch. (Ormandy), Columbia MZL 335 (M); M25 735 (S)	35	38	40	RAVEL: BOLERO/HAPSODE/LA VALSE N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Col. ML 5293 (M); MS 6011 (S)	2
12		VERDI: NABUCCO (3-12") LP Solti, Gatti Various Artists/Vienna Op. Orch. (Gerdelli), London A 4382 (M); OSA 1382 (S)	14	39	39	SMEATNA: MY FATHERLAND (2-12") LP Czech Philharmonic (Concert), Crossroads 2226000 (M); 2226000 (S)	2
16		RACHMANOFF: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 Entenroff/N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Columbia ML 5481 (M); MS 6148 (S)	15	40	37	E. POWER BIGGS PLAYS MOZART—MUSIC FOR SOLD ORGAN Columbia ML 6256 (M); MS 6856 (S)	22
19		THAICHAKI: CONCERTO NO. 1 Van Cliburn, RCA Victor LM 2252 (M); LSC 2252 (S)	34				
19		ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN/CHOPIN RCA Victor LM 2089 (M); LSC 2089 (S)	22				
21		GERSHWIN: RHAPSODY IN BLUE N. Y. Philharmonic (Bernstein), Columbia ML 5413 (M); MS6091 (S)	15				
22		GENIUS OF PUCCHINI Various Artists, Angel BL 3683 (M); SBL 3683 (S)	5				

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BEST SELLING BUDGET-LINE CLASSICAL LP's

This Week	Last Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.	This Week	Last Week	Title, Artist, Label & No.
1	PUCCHINI: LA BOHEME (2-12") LP—Various Artists/RCA Victor Orch. (Beecham), RCA Victor LM 6000 (M); (No Stars)	6	STRAVINSKY: LE SACRE DU PRINTEMPS (Rite of Spring)—R.T.F. Orchestra Nationale (Boulez), Nonesuch H 1093 (M); H 71093 (S)		
2	SMEATNA: FATHERLAND (2-12") LP—Czech Philharmonic Orch. (Anzor), Crossroads 2226000 (M); 2226000 (S)	12	BETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 6—Pittsburgh Symphony (Steinberg), Pickwick PC 4009 (M); SPC 4009 (S)		
3	DVOŘAK: SYMPHONY NO. 6 IN D OPUS 60—London Symphony Orchestra (Rowicki), World Series (No Mono); PHC 9008 (S)	12	HANDEL: WATER MUSIC—Hague Philharmonic Orchestra (Boulez), Nonesuch H 1127 (M); H 71127 (S)		
4	CHOPIN: CONCERTO NO. 1—Dinu Liputi, Seraphim IB 60007 (M); (No Stars)	12	MOZART: SYMPHONY NO. 40 IN G—Cologne Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra (Wand)		
5	HINDEMITH: CONCERT MUSIC FOR STRING AND BRASS—Philharmonic Orch. (Hindemith), Seraphim 60005 (M); S 60005 (S)	12	CHAIKOVSKY: OVERTURE 1812/REUSS: IBERIA/LIST: VIENNA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Reuss), RCA Victor LM 1025 (M); VICS 1025 (S)		

including new packages of Wagner's "Die Walküre" with Birgit Nilsson, Regine Crespin and James King, and Bruckner's "Symphony No. 7," also expects top sales from a Joan Stuebel-Land-Neel Coward album, a release of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess Symphonic Suite," and recital albums by Geraint Evans, Gweneth Jones, and Llangar and Elizabeth Sowerdree.

Epic is conducting an extensive Christmas-gift merchandising campaign including its new

Crossroads line. Recent packages well-suited to its gifts are Sibelius' seven symphonies with Akko Watanabe conducting the Japan Philharmonic, and Alicia de Larrocha playing the "Iberia" and "Navarra" of Albeniz. Deutsche Grammophon is rushing its Henze symphonies conducted by the composer.

Turnabout sets include Caldera's "Christmas Cantata," "Christmas Story" by Schubert, Magnificats by Schütz and Monteverdi, and organist Walter Kraft playing Bach's "Choral

Preludes for Christmas." Countertop has the New York Pops Musica in English medieval Christmas carols, and "Christmas on the Sienna Pianoforte." A steady Christmas seller for Command is a Christmas album by Virgil Fox. Other good Command suggestions are Brahms four symphonies by William Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony, Beethoven's "Symphonies Nos. 9 and 8" with Steinberg and the Pittsburgh, and the soundtrack of "Bolshoi Ballet '67."

Dazzling Recital

* Continued from page 52

"Moonlight," and "Les Adieux" sonatas. The artist played four encores before an appreciative audience, including one of his famed jazz compositions. The concert was the first of a four-part Vienna Festival Series. The other pianists will be Alfred Brendel, Paul Badura-Skoda and Joerg Demus.

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Billboard **BEST BETS FOR CHRISTMAS**

While dealers report that it is early for Christmas product, certain LPs and singles seem to be jumping out in front of others. It appears that Christmas LPs do not require the radio exposure as do the singles, and LP sales seem to be slightly ahead of singles sales to date. Below is a list of the best selling LPs and singles to date. As the sales of Christmas product increase, so too will the number of best selling Christmas LPs and singles reported in these special charts—in accordance with sound research practices in terms of sufficient retailers reporting significant sales on specific records. These special charts will run for the next five issues as a special buying and stocking guide. NOTE: It is possible that many new Christmas releases have not yet had the full opportunity to be reflected here.

CHRISTMAS LP'S

1. **THE DEAN MARTIN CHRISTMAS ALBUM**, Reprise R 6222 (M); RS 6222 (S)
2. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, Andy Williams, Columbia CL 2420 (M); CS 9220 (S)
3. **THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY**, Harry Simeone Chorale, 20th Century-Fox TFM 3100 (M); TFS 4100
4. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, Johnny Mathis, Columbia CL 1195 (M); CS 8021 (S)
5. **O BAMBINO/THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY**, Harry Simeone Chorale, Kapp KL 1450 (M); KS 3450 (S)
6. **NOEL**, Joan Baez, Vanguard VS 9230 (M); VSD 79230 (S)
7. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, Bing Crosby, Decca DL 8128 (M); DL 78128 (S)
8. **ELVIS' CHRISTMAS ALBUM**, Elvis Presley, RCA Victor LPM 1951 (M); LSP 1951 (S)
9. **THE CHRISTMAS SONG**, Nat King Cole, Capitol W 1967 (M); SW 1967 (S)
10. **SONGS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS**, Wayne Newton, Capitol T 2588 (M); ST 2588 (S)
11. **NAVIDAD MEANS CHRISTMAS**, Eydie Gorme & Trio Los Panchos, Columbia CL 2557 (M); CS 9357 (S)

12. **THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS**, Ramsey Lewis Trio, Cadet CLP 687 (M); CLPS 687 (S)
13. **SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS**, Mahalia Jackson, Columbia CL 1903 (M); CS 8703 (S)
14. **HOLIDAY SING-ALONG WITH MITCH**, Mitch Miller & the Gang, Columbia CL 1701 (M); CS 8501 (S)
15. **HERE WE COME A-CAROLING**, Ray Conniff & Singers, Columbia CL 2406 (M); CS 9206 (S)
16. **JAMES BROWN SINGS CHRISTMAS SONGS**, King 1010 (M); (No Stereo)
17. **SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM PERRY COMO**, RCA Victor LPM 2066 (M); LP 2066 (S)
18. **CHRISTMAS TIME**, Roger Williams, Kapp KL 1164 (M); KS 3048 (S)
19. **MORE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS**, Ramsey Lewis Trio, Cadet CLP 745 (M); CLPS 745 (S)
20. **A MERRY MANCINI CHRISTMAS**, Henry Mancini Ork & Chorus, RCA Victor LPM 3612 (M); LSP 3612 (S)
21. **CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND**, Bert Kaempfert & His Ork, Decca DL 4441 (M); DL 74441 (S)

CHRISTMAS SINGLES

1. **THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY**, Harry Simeone Chorale, 20th Century-Fox 429
2. **JINGLE BELL ROCK**, Bobby Helms, Decca 30513
3. **WHITE CHRISTMAS**, Bing Crosby, Decca 23778
4. **ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE**, Brenda Lee, Decca 30776
5. **PLEASE COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**, Charles Brown, King 5405
6. **THE CHRISTMAS SONG**, Nat King Cole, Capitol 3561
7. **IF EVERY DAY WAS LIKE CHRISTMAS**, Elvis Presley, RCA Victor 8950
8. **SILVER BELLS**, Al Martino, Capitol 5311

Jazz Beat

By ELIOT TIEGEL

Record sales have seldom been as healthy as they are now, re-

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ports Nesuhi Ertegun, Atlantic's executive vice-president who commands its jazz operation. "The main reason is that rhythm and blues disk jockeys in the last few years have taken an increasing interest in jazz." Artists, like organist Jimmy Smith, have helped bridge the two idioms and have brought an awareness of jazz to the r&b disk jockeys.

Ertegun feels this new interest by DJ's is "remarkable in light of their seldom having played the material. In fact, the executive says they may even have hid their enthusiasm in the past. This exposure on AM radio has done so much good that Ertegun has been signing new artists.

Recent additions to Atlantic's roster include Jack McDuff, funky organ, whose single of "A Change Is Gonna Come" sold 15,000 copies in Chicago; drummer Shelly Manne, a West Coast staple of the recording industry; saxophonist Eldie Harris, pianist Junior Mance, multihorn man Charles Lloyd and Hubert Laws.

R&B DJ's who previously couldn't go out of their format are now including jazz tracks in their shows. Ertegun says, "They're not scared to play something outside their format if it's good enough. But it can't be too far out." The jazz which does get played on r&b stations is strongly tied to a blues sound. Jazz drummers have been moving more toward the "roll" patterns which give the arrangements a contemporary but which is acceptable to the r&b people.

Charles Lloyd is an important musician, Ertegun feels, because of his inventiveness and his non-compromising attitude. "The musicians in Europe are all talking about jazz. You can always tell from that whether a musician has potential.

"I feel jazz has a marvelous future; I didn't always feel that

BREAKOUT SINGLES

★ NATIONAL BREAKOUTS

NO NATIONAL BREAKOUTS THIS WEEK

★ REGIONAL BREAKOUTS

These new records, not yet on Billboard's Hot 100, have been reported getting strong sales action by dealers in major markets listed in parentheses.

AND I LOVE HER . . .

Vibrations, Oklah 7257 (Acacia, BMI) (Chicago: Allwauksee)

CRY LIKE A BABY . . .

Aretha Franklin, Columbia 4382 (Blackwood, BMI) (St. Louis)

MY BABY LIKES TO BOOGALOO . . .

Don Gardner, Tru-Glo-Town 1002 (Tooltown, BMI) (Pittsburgh)

98.6 . . .

Keith, Mercury 72639 (Screen Gems-Columbia, BMI) (Cleveland)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS . . .

In Crowd, Veva 604 (Arch, ASCAP) (Seattle)

I BE'CHA (COULDN'T LOVE ME) . . .

Manhattans, Carnival 522 (Sonavox, BMI) (Baltimore)

WISH ME A RAINBOW . . .

On-Beat, Epsco, Four Corners of the World 138 (Famous, ASCAP) (Milwaukee)

HARLEM SHUFFLE . . .

Floppers, Cameo 429 (Mark-Jean-Kayman, BMI) (Minneapolis-St. Paul)

SCHOOL DAYS . . .

Jon & Dean, Liberty 55923 (Arc, BMI) (Seattle)

REVERBERATIONS DOUBT . . .

13th Floor Elevators, International Artists 111 (Towler, BMI) (Houston)

way," Ertegun said. There is more stress on quality, packaging and repertoire because of the potential for exposure before a broader based audience. "I send the musicians new tunes all the time. Some are interested, some aren't. There is more of an awareness for the pop composer, Ertegun says, and the jazz artist who lives in an ivory tower has practically ceased to exist.

Players are more aware of cutting one track for airplay. "They used to say 'no,'" according to Ertegun. "Now they come to me and say, 'Hey, let's have two short tracks.' It's a minor revolution. Almost every jazz musician plays Beatles tunes. Five years ago they wouldn't play tunes by pop groups. The Beatles made them aware of top 40 and the charts."

The success which Lou Rawls has recently found within the pop

market will have its effect on the industry. Says the Atlantic V.p.: "Now we'll all try to find our own Lou Rawls."

Rawls is now identified with the pop, r&b and jazz markets. For Atlantic, covering these three bases has made its just-completed 18th year the best. The Modern Jazz Quartet has been with the label 11 years and is the company's oldest tenant on the roster. Atlantic's strong r&b roster has played a major role in the record sales this year. "What's good," the world-traveling Ertegun exclaimed, "is that not only are we getting tremendous play in the U. S. but also action in Europe. It's marvelous to hear 10 of your records played in a European discoteque."

SOLOS: ABC Radio will broadcast the seventh annual William Tell Intercollegiate Jazz Festival, Feb.

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Lili Kraus

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chestra, and soloist started over again.

Following the music, she played the concerto with a determination that brought cheers. After intermission she returned with the score and played the "Concerto No. 15" well, although somewhat sporadically. She gave an encore of the Allegro which was better than her first attempt.

But, unrehearsed or not, prepared or not, Mme. Kraus is still the Mozart champion. So come back to the stage Dec. 6, Mme. Kraus. All is forgiven.

ROBERT SOBEL

COUNTRY MUSIC

Buck-ersfield: Owens Country

By HERB WOOD

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Buck Owens will present his second annual "Toys for Tots" show at the Bakersfield Auditorium Dec. 16. Admission to the all-star, country music concert is a toy, with the proceeds being distributed to needy children by U. S. Marines.

Last year the pre-Christmas show drew 9,000 fans to the auditorium, with 2,000 more turned away from the gates, resulting in 19 truckloads of toys for the Christmas distribution by Marines.

The show will star Owens and the Buckaroos, and will feature Merle Haggard, Bonnie Owens, Dick Curless, Kay Adams, Freddie Hart, Bob Morrison and Red Simpson.

Reporting on other happen-

ings within the growing Owens empire, the Capitol Records star's manager, Jack McFadden, states that Buck and the Buckaroos will tour Japan doing civilian concerts and will appear on the Japanese TV network in February. The group will be accompanied by McFadden and Owens' publicity director Eddie Briggs.

Merle Haggard, one of the top stars in the Owens-Omac stable, is currently appearing in Florida, but is slated to star in an up-coming motion picture titled "Hillbills in a Haunted House." In spite of the title, the film has an excellent cast including Basil Rathbone, Ferlin Husky, Jayne Mansfield, Lon Chaney Jr., John Carradine and Sonny James. The pic is being produced by Barney Wallner for Producers Studio in Hollywood and shooting will take place Dec. 13-16. Haggard has a new single out on Capitol,

"The Fugitive" b/w "Someone Told My Story." The top side is a unique ballad sound for the vocalist, while the flip is in the same groove as his past "drinking" hits.

Owens is also touting another of his proteges, Dick Curless. Speaking of the Tower Records artist's just-cut single, Buck said, "If this isn't a hit, I don't know what it is." And Owens, with a solid streak of hits, should know. Curless and his distaff counterpart, Kay Adams, both appear with the Buck Owens Show.

Owens, who could be called the Baron of "Buckersfield," will appear on Dick Clark's "Swinin' Country" TV'er Dec. 22 and 27. On the first show, Buck will debut his newest single and on the 27th will perform cuts from his Christmas LP. The Christmas album, cut last year, is enjoying healthy sales at the dealer level.

'Gra\$'\$ Greener

NASHVILLE — Curley Putman, Tree Music writer, has had remarkable success with his "Green, Green Grass of Home" penning. The tune has been out 16 times and has been a hit for Johnny Darrell, Porter Wagoner and Jerry Lee Lewis.

The latest waxing, by England's popular Tom Jones, on the Decca label there, has been out three weeks and is already in the top 10 on the U. K. charts. Parrot Records, subsidiary of London Records, will release the disk here this week.

Film Completed

HOLLYWOOD — The first major Hollywood-Nashville motion picture that mixes the two music cities in personalities and theme has recently been completed. "What Am I Bid?", directed by Gene Nash, stars Leloy Van Dyke, with Tex Ritter, Al Hirt, Faron Young, Bill Craig, Kristin Nelson, Stephanie Hill and others. Now being edited and scored, the film is up for distribution, with several studios bidding for the rights.



BACKSTAGE AT A recent country music spectacular in Los Angeles are, from left, Bill Thompson, operations and program manager of the country music station; Bonnie Guitar, Pat Buttram and Cliffie Stone. Show starred Leloy Van Dyke, Red Foley, David Houston, the Stone family, Johnny Bonny, and Joe and Rose Lee Maphis. Pat Boone made a special appearance.

New C&W Label

NASHVILLE — Release Records, a new country music label in St. Louis and a division of American Service Industries, will soon be recording in Nashville, according to the firm's A&R director, Bob Bax. Bax is in the market for new material and can be reached at P. O. Box 234, St. Louis, Mo.



Kan Rogers and His Northern Gards release, "Crazy Memories" on Solar, is getting chart action. D.P.'s write to Brito Star, Newbury, Ohio, for copies. Agents, bookers, theatre managers, check Brito Star for info about this TOP ACT. Kan and His Northern Gards use Power Sonic Amplifiers, sold by Musical Societies, 317 Trenton, Newark, N. J. (Advertisement)

Yesteryear's Country Hits

Change-of-pace programming from your librarian's shelves, featuring the disks that were the hottest in the Country field 5 years ago and 10 years ago this week. Here's how they ranked in Billboard's chart of that time.

COUNTRY SINGLES— 5 Years Ago December 4, 1961

1. Walk on By, Leloy Van Dyke, Mercury
2. Big Bad John, Jimmy Dean, Columbia
3. Tender Years, George Jones, Mercury
4. Under the Influence of Love, Buck Owens, Capitol
5. You're the Reason, Bobby Edwards, Crest
6. It's Your World, Marty Robbins, Columbia
7. Walking the Streets, Webb Pierce, Decca
8. Soft Rain, Ray Price, Columbia
9. I Went Out of My Way, Roy Drusky, Decca
10. How Do You Talk to a Baby, Webb Pierce, Decca

COUNTRY SINGLES— 10 Years Ago December 1, 1956

1. Singing the Blues, Marty Robbins, Columbia
2. Crazy Arms, Ray Price, Columbia
3. Don't Be Cruel/Heart Dog, Elvis Presley, RCA Victor
4. With the Line, Johnny Cash, Sun
5. Love Me Tender, Elvis Presley, RCA Victor
6. Searching, Kitty Wells, Decca
7. Wasted Words, Ray Price, Columbia
8. Sweet Dreams, Faron Young, RCA Victor
9. According to My Heart, Jim Reeves, RCA Victor
10. Wicked Lies, Carl Smith, Columbia

Gersh a Father

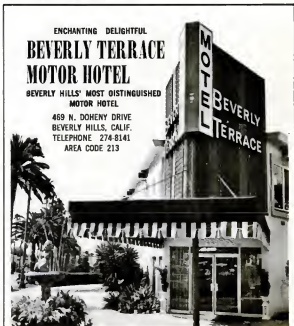
NEW YORK — Dick Gersh, public relations man for various artists, record companies and publisher, recently became father of a son, Lewis David. Both Mrs. Gersh and the son are doing well, although Gersh has been complaining of nocturnal noises.

Catalog to Ascher

NEW YORK — Emil Ascher, Inc., has acquired the music catalog of Harrode of Hollywood. The music, written by Harry Lubin, includes 25 hours of recorded music never before released. Also included is music from several syndicated TV programs.



SONNY JAMES, second from right, receives a Certificate of Congratulations from Tom Beasley, executive secretary to Frank Clement of Tennessee for designating November as "Sonny James Month" by Capitol Records. Looking on from left, are Wade Pepper, Capitol's country & western sales manager, and Bob Neal and Mrs. Jo Walker of the Country Music Association.



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HOT COUNTRY SINGLES

★ STAR Performer—Sides registering greatest proportionate upward progress this week.

This Week	Last Week	TITLE, Artist, Label, Number & Publisher	Weeks on Chart	This Week	Last Week	TITLE, Artist, Label, Number & Publisher	Weeks on Chart
1	1	EDDY ARNOLD, RCA Victor 8965 (Barton, BMI)	8	38	29	COMING BACK TO YOU Browns, RCA Victor 8942 (Tree, BMI)	9
2	2	OPEN UP YOUR HEART Buck Owens, Capitol 5705 (Bluebonnet, BMI)	14	39	33	ALMOST PERSUADED David Houston, Epic 10025 (Galllico, BMI)	24
3	16	THE PRICE MY EVERYTHING Jack Gilley, Decca 32023 (Blue Crest-Nash, BMI)	7	40	35	WALKING ON NEW GRASS Jimmy Price, Decca 32023 (Blue Crest-Nash, BMI)	16
4	4	SWEET THING Hal Stuckey, Peave 243 (Sumner/Stuckey, BMI)	13	41	49	DOE WHAT'S GOING ON LORETTA LYNN, Decca 32045 (Sure Fire, BMI)	4
5	7	TOUCH MY HEART Ray Price, Columbia 43795 (Wayhawk, BMI)	8	42	43	SEVEN DAYS OF CRYING Horton Tye, Columbia 43584 (Southwest, BMI)	5
6	6	ALMOST PERSUADED NO. 2 Ben Colder, MGM 13590 (Galllico, BMI)	11	43	46	HOMESICK Bobby Bare, RCA Victor 8968 (Central, BMI)	5
7	3	I GET THE FEVER Bill Anderson, Decca 31999 (Shawnee, BMI)	15	44	44	TEARDROP LANE Ned Miller, Capitol 5742 (Central, BMI)	8
8	11	THE HURTIN' HILL DYER Connie Smith, RCA Victor 8964 (Wilderness, BMI)	8	45	47	WHO'S BEEN MOWING THE LAWN Ray Pennington, Capitol 5751 (Pamper, BMI)	5
9	8	IT TAKES A LOT OF MONEY Warner Bros., Decca 32023 (A Star, BMI)	14	46	46	MOTEL TIME AGAIN Johnny Paycheck, Little Darlin' 0016 (Central, BMI)	4
10	10	(That's What You Get) FOR LOVIN' ME Wayne Jennings, RCA Victor 8912 (Wilderness, ASCAP)	14	47	60	DEAR WITH ME A LITTLE LONGER Billy Walker, Monument 906 (Hill & Son, BMI)	4
11	12	THE GAME OF TRIANGLES Eddy Arnold, RCA Victor 8963 (Wilderness, ASCAP)	12	48	50	CLASS OF '49 Ned Sorin, Mercury 779 (Cedarwood, BMI)	4
12	9	THE BOTTLE LET ME DOWN Marie Rogers, Capitol 5704 (Bluebonnet, BMI)	15	49	51	HURT HER ONCE FOR ME William Brothers, Decca 32038 (Sure Fire, BMI)	4
13	13	ROOM IN YOUR HEART Sonny James, Capitol 5490 (Marion, BMI)	17	50	51	RIDE, RIDE, RIDE Lynn Anderson, Cent 1375 (Yonah, BMI)	3
14	14	BAD SEEDS Jan Howard, Decca 32016 (Stellion, BMI)	9	51	61	IF THE WHOLE WORLD STOPPED LOVIN' Ray Drusky, Mercury 72627 (Newkays, BMI)	3
15	15	MISTY BLUE Wilma Burgess, Decca 32027 (Talmont, BMI)	6	52	52	COME ON AND SING Don Gibson, RCA Victor 8943 (Bluebonnet, BMI)	11
16	17	EARLY MORNING RAIN George Hamilton IV, RCA Victor 8924 (Wilderness, ASCAP)	14	53	53	ROSES FROM A STRANGER Larry Van Dyke, Warner Bros. 5841 (Glasier, BMI)	8
17	15	LONG TIME GONE Dave Dudley, Mercury 72618 (Newkays, BMI)	9	54	54	DON'T LET THAT DOORNOOD HIT YOU Home Jett, RCA Victor 8909 (Academy, BMI)	3
18	18	BLUE SIDE OF LONESOME Jim Sanders, RCA Victor 8902 (Glad, BMI)	17	55	63	MR. SHORTY Marty Robbins, Columbia 43670 (Margosa, BMI)	3
19	19	ONE IN A ROW Willie Nelson, RCA Victor 8913 (Pamper, BMI)	10	56	56	ONLY ME AND MY HANDRESSER Betty Weir, Decca 32024 (Mon-Rose, BMI)	6
20	27	STATESIDE Mel Tillie, Kapp 772 (Cedarwood, BMI)	8	57	62	THE LAST LAUGH Sam Edwards, RCA Victor 8997 (Tree, BMI)	3
21	22	UNWITTINGLY GALL Feep Young, Mercury 72617 (Cedarwood, BMI)	8	58	66	I NEVER HAD THE ONE I WANTED Claude Grey, Decca 32029 (Vento, BMI)	2
22	25	STAND BESIDE ME Jimmy Dean, RCA Victor 8971 (Glasier, BMI)	7	59	74	THAT'S THE WAY TO LIVE Hank Thompson, Columbia 43668 (Southwest, BMI)	5
23	28	HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN Bobby Lewis, United Artists 50067 (Southwest, BMI)	8	60	55	HEARTBREAK HOTEL Roger Miller, Smash 2066 (Tree, BMI)	4
24	23	APARTMENT 29 Bobby Austin, Telly 500 (Owen, BMI)	9	61	75	MR. DO-IT-YOURSELF Ray Pille, Ray Pille, Capitol 5769 (Central, BMI)	2
25	20	THE COMPANY YOU KEEP Bill Phillips, Decca 31996 (Comline, BMI)	17	62	64	OUR SIDE Van Fleet, Band Box 371 (Summertime, ASCAP)	3
26	26	VOLKSWAGEN Ray Pille, Capitol 5725 (Raleigh, BMI)	7	63	65	A WOMAN NEVER FORGETS Kitty Wells, Decca 32024 (Mon-Rose, BMI)	2
27	32	WHERE IS THE CIRCUS Hank Thompson, Warner Bros. 5858 (Bravo Valley, BMI)	7	64	67	WALKING SHADOW, TALKING MEMORY Carl Beale, RCA Victor 8996 (A Star, BMI)	2
28	30	ANOTHER STORY Ernest Tubb, Decca 32022 (Marion, BMI)	8	65	68	ONCE Feltin Husky, Capitol 5775 (Harber, SESAC)	1
29	21	IT'S ONLY LOVE Jeannie Seely, Monument 965 (Pamper, BMI)	12	66	69	THE WIFE OF THE PARTY Liz Anderson, RCA Victor 8998 (Yonah, BMI)	1
30	31	PRISBY Chet Atkins, RCA Victor 8927 (Vector, BMI)	8	67	69	DINE DREAM Sam Whitham, Imperial 66212 (Cedarwood, BMI)	1
31	38	THIS MUST BE THE BOTTOM Del Rees, United Artists 50061 (Mon-Rose, BMI)	8	68	70	JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME Country Charlene Price, RCA Victor 9000 (Jack, BMI)	1
32	32	FIVE LITTLE JOHNNY GIRLS Bonnyman, MGM 13557 (Jack, BMI)	8	69	70	CONSIDER THE CHILDREN Bonnie Owens, Capitol 5755 (Bluebonnet, BMI)	1
33	34	THE TALLEST TREE Bonnie Guitar, Dot 16919 (Heartstone-Acadian, BMI)	8	70	71	CLOSE TOGETHER George Jones & Mella Montgomery, Mercury 1204 (Glad, BMI)	1
34	37	CALL HER YOUR SWEETHEART Frank Field, Hickory 1411 (Acuff-Rose, BMI)	7	71	73	LITTLE THINGS THAT EVERY GIRL SHOULD KNOW Claude King, Columbia 43667 (King, BMI)	2
35	40	WHERE D'YA STAY LAST NIGHT Wood Prince, Decca 32023 (Shawnee, BMI)	6	72	72	THE SWEETEST HOME Johnny Dorell, United Artists 50047 (Southwest-Center, BMI)	4
36	41	FUNKY, FAMILIAR, FORGOTTEN FEELINGS S. D. Warren, RCA Victor 8975 (Acuff-Rose, BMI)	6	73	73	SAD FACE Lita Ashworth, Hickory 1428 (Acuff-Rose, BMI)	1
37	36	GOIN' DOWN THE ROAD Buster Brown, RCA Victor 8922 (Crescent, BMI)	8	74	74	SURELY NOT Don Bowman, RCA Victor 8990 (Vector, BMI)	1
				75	75	YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO ME Carl Smith, Columbia 43666 (Academy, BMI)	1

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HOT COUNTRY ALBUMS

★ STAR Performer—LPs registering proportionate upward progress this week.

This Week	Last Week	TITLE, Artist, Label & Number	Weeks on Chart
1	1	BORN TO SING Conway Twitty, RCA Victor LPM 3628 (M); LSP 3628 (S)	6
2	2	ANOTHER BRIDGE TO BURN Ray Price, Columbia CL 2528 (M); CS 9228 (S)	13
3	3	SWINGING DOORS Marie Haggard, Capitol T 2585 (M); LSP 2585 (S)	6
4	4	YOU AIN'T WOMAN ENOUGH Loretta Lynn, Decca DL 4783 (M); DL 74783 (S)	9
5	5	I LOVE YOU DROPS Bill Anderson, Decca DL 4711 (M); DL 74711 (S)	17
6	6	LEAVIN' TOWN Wayne Jennings, RCA Victor LPM 3620 (M); LSP 3620 (S)	5
7	7	THE ORIFER Harry Robbins, Columbia CL 2527 (M); CS 9227 (S)	14
8	8	ALMOST PERSUADED David Houston, Epic LN 24213 (M); BN 26213 (S)	17
9	9	THE BEELY STYLE Jeannie Seely, Monument MLP 8057 (M); SLF 18057 (S)	8
10	10	CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT WITH BUCK OWENS & HIS BUCKAROOOS Capitol T 2586 (M); LSP 2586 (S)	19
11	11	CONFESSIONS OF A BROKEN MAN Porter Wagoner, RCA Victor LPM 3593 (M); LSP 3593 (S)	9
12	12	THE LAST WORD IN LONESOME Eddy Arnold, RCA Victor LPM 3622 (M); LSP 3622 (S)	19
13	13	WE FOUND HEAVEN RIGHT HERE ON EARTH AT "4033" George Jones, Mercury ML 2106 (M); MS 3106 (S)	4
14	14	WANDA JACKSON SALUTES THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME RCA Victor LPM 3649 (M); LSP 3649 (S)	6
15	15	THE STREETS OF BALTIMORE Bobby Bare, RCA Victor LPM 3618 (M); LSP 3618 (S)	11
16	16	SINGIN' STU PHILLIPS RCA Victor LPM 3619 (M); LSP 3619 (S)	11
17	17	A MILLION AND ONE Billy Walker, Monument MLP 8047 (M); SLF 18047 (S)	8
18	18	GEORGE JONES GOLDEN HITS United Artists, UA 3372 (M); SAS 6332 (S)	11
19	19	NAT STUCKER SINGS Paula LP 1192 (M); SLP 1192 (S)	7
20	20	WHERE IS THE CIRCUS Hank Thompson/Bravo Valley Boys, Warner Bros. W/1664 (M); WS 1664 (S)	7
21	21	TILL THE LAST LEAF SHALL FALL Sonny James, Capitol T 2561 (M); LSP 2561 (S)	1
22	22	COUNTRY CHARLIE PRIDE RCA Victor LPM 3645 (M); LSP 3645 (S)	5
23	23	ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE 'N' WAR Sherrill Jackson, Columbia 2509 (M); CS 9209 (S)	4
24	24	THIS IS MY STORY Hank Snow, RCA Victor LPM 6014 (M); LSP 6014 (S)	1
25	25	DISTANT DRUMS Jim Reeves, RCA Victor LPM 3524 (M); LSP 3524 (S)	28
26	26	EYIL ON YOUR MIND Jan Howard, Decca DL 4792 (M); DL 74792 (S)	2
27	27	THE COUNTRY TOUCH Warner Mack, Decca DL 4766 (M); DL 74766 (S)	21
28	28	THE BEST OF SONNY JAMES Capitol T 2615 (M); LSP 2615 (S)	1
29	29	BREAKIN' THE RULES Hank Thompson, Capitol T 2575 (M); LSP 2575 (S)	8
30	30	FROM NASHVILLE WITH LOVE Carl Atkins, RCA Victor LPM 3647 (M); LSP 3647 (S)	4
31	31	FREE AND EASY Dave Dudley, Mercury ML 21098 (M); SR 41098 (S)	1
32	32	STEEL RAIL BLUES George Hamilton IV, RCA Victor LPM 3601 (M); LSP 3601 (S)	14
33	33	I'LL TAKE THE DOG Jean Shepard & Ray Pille, Capitol T 2537 (M); LSP 2537 (S)	1
34	34	FLATT SCORCHES GREATEST HITS Columbia CL 2570 (M); CS 9270 (S)	2
35	35	MISS BONNIE GUITAR Dot DLP 3737 (M); DLP 25737 (S)	11
36	36	CLOSE TOGETHER AS YOU AND ME George Jones & Mella Montgomery, Mercury ML 2109 (M); MS 3109 (S)	2
37	37	HAPPINESS IS YOU Johnny Cash, Columbia CL 2537 (M); CS 9237 (S)	4
38	38	WORDS & MUSIC Roger Miller, Smash MS 57075 (M); SLS 47075 (S)	2
39	39	WHEELS & TEARS Key Adams, Tower T 3003 (M); LSP 3003 (S)	1
40	40	IF THE WHOLE WORLD STOPPED LOVIN' Ray Drusky, Mercury ML 21087 (M); SH 41087 (S)	1

GOSPEL MUSIC

Spurrllows Spur Safety With Musical Message

By HERB WOOD

NASHVILLE — One of the busiest gospel groups in the country is the Spurrllows, who

perform a dual function with their outstanding show, "Music For Modern Americans." During the day, the group sings and plays for students at high school

assemblies to emphasize driving safety and the school's Driver Education Program. At night, the group performs in area churches with its "Splendor of Sacred Song" program.

Founded in 1959 by Thurlow Spurr, the youth-conscious gospel singers travel thousands of miles a year, bringing their music to literally millions of teenagers. Sponsored by Chrysler Motors, and local Chrysler dealers where they appear, the Spurrllows offer a varied musical program including the current hits. Many of the students are

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THURLLOW SPURR, first row center, is surrounded by the Spurrllows, young, talented musicians that appear with him in schools and churches across the nation.



THE SPURRLLOWS onstage during the finale of their "Music for Modern Americans" high school assembly program, sponsored by Chrysler Motors Corp.



THE MCDUFF BROTHERS, with pianist Lorne Matthews, are signed to a Zondervan recording contract by the label's manager Maury Lehmann, seated right.

Zondervan Inks McDuff Boys

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The McDuff Brothers, Roger, John and Colman, and pianist Lorne Matthews, have signed a contract with Singcord Corp. to release records on the Zondervan label. The first two gospel disks have been cut and are scheduled for an early release.

The brothers have sung with some of the top quartets in the gospel fields. They organized their own group in January and are now booking themselves in concerts, church rallies and revivals.

Lorne Matthews, the group's accompanist, is a native of Canada. He has just completed a

solo LP of his distinctive piano stylings. Colman McDuff is also scheduled to release a solo LP in the near future.

The McDuffs were signed to Zondervan by Maury Lehmann, manager of the firm's record division.

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CLEVELAND, Tenn.—James D. Vaughan Music Publisher has expanded its operation to include two annual convention songbooks previously published by the Stamps Quartet Music Co.

J. D. Sumner, president of the Stamps firm, has agreed to turn over his distribution outlets, composers and mailing lists to the Vaughan company. Vaughan's products are distributed exclusively through Pathway Press. According to Connor B. Hall, music editor for Pathway, this increase in production and distribution will place Vaughan among the top in gospel music publishers.

In addition to the two convention songbooks, Vaughan will continue to publish special books, sheet music and other gospel music material.

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GOSPEL MUSIC



THE PROPHETS and Chaplain Curt Bowers visit with a wounded soldier just returned from Vietnam in the critical ward at the Fort Campbell, Ky., Army hospital.

Prophets Cheer Viet Vets

FORT CAMPBELL, KY.—The Prophets, talented gospel music quintet, entertained battle-weary troops just returned from the Vietnam front at the base hospital here Tuesday (15). The group established a first for gospel music, being the first such group to perform at an Army base in the U. S.

The group visited the critical wards of the hospital, entertaining the wounded soldiers that could not be transported to the auditorium where the group had performed for the base personnel.

The Celestials, an all-gospel group from Lexington, Ky., were also on the show, provid-

ing the female charm. A pretty and talented trio, the Celestials were given a rousing reception by the troops.

Commenting on the event, Army Chaplains Gosser and Bowers agreed that, "the day's visit by the Prophets and the Celestials has been one of the best morale boosters on the base in a long time." As a result, the Prophets have been booked for several appearances at the base next year.

Spurrllows Spur Safety With Musical Message

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so impressed with the quality of the group's performance at the assembly program, they return for the evening of gospel music at the local churches.

Recording for Word Records, the group has a growing catalog of gospel LPs, including "High Time You Heard the Spurrllows," "Listen... Heart" and "Christmas, Time For Song," as well as Thurlow Spurr's solo album, "Voice of the Spurrllows."

Unlike the usual gospel group, the Spurrllows consist of 30 musicians, vocal and instrumental, whose average age is just over 20 years old. "All are dedicated Christians," states leader Spurr, "who want to reach young people."

The Spurrllows travel from September to June, the school months, and are off during the summer. This year's tour began in Seattle, Sept. 12, and will end in Detroit in June, after performing in over 100 cities. The tour seems doubly strenuous considering the two-shows-a-day schedule that the Spurrllows follow, aiming at churches and schools.

To transport the large group and the complete lighting, sound and stage equipment they employ in their performances, the Spurrllows travel by convoy with a specially-designed, diesel tractor-trailer truck supplied by Chrysler. This year marks the third time the group has travelled the U. S. under the aegis of Chrysler.

As to the success of the group's ministry of music, founder Spurr says, "The Splendor of Sacred Song has become just that through the dedication of the individual Spurrllows, and

Speers Add New Singer

NASHVILLE — The Speer Family has added a new member to its well-known group, in the person of Harold Lane. Brock Speer, manager of the Skylite recording group, termed Lane "one of the most versatile men active in gospel music today."

Speer said that in addition to being a singer, instrumentalist and composer, Lane is an arranger "second to none."

Lane moved from Huntington, W. Va., to Nashville, in order to join the Speers. In Huntington, Lane was an outstanding promoter of gospel music, managing the Gospel Harmony Boys for 14 years.

Lane's music background includes A. B. and M. A. degrees in music from Marshall University and 16 months of study in Munich, Germany. He taught vocal and instrumental music in public schools for 12 years.

His commercial experience includes arranging for the Statesmen, Jake Hess, Gospel Harmony Boys and many others. According to Speer, "the Speer Family's repertoire is accepted by his ideas." The group plans to utilize Lane's arranging abilities to an even greater extent in the future.

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SHAPED NOTES

By HERB WOOD

Bur Wilburn, manager of the Prophets, reports the group appeared with Lawrence Welk at the Hollywood Palladium Saturday night (Oct. 29). This is the first time a gospel group has performed on the weekly Welk show. The group received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd. Well done Prophets. . . . Mylon LeFevre, who previously appeared with the singing LeFevre Family, is now traveling and playing guitar with the Stamps Quartet.

Polly Grimes, president of Gospel Concerts of California, reports that Jake Hess and the Imperials, the Stamps Quartet and the Cowart Quartet have just completed a successful tour of concert dates, singing to capacity houses in major California cities. . . . Don Light, of the Don Light Talent Agency, says the singing Rambos will leave for Vietnam to entertain the troops there from Jan. 15-31. Traveling with the Armed Forces Group, the gospel singers will be the first such group to make the Vietnam jaunt. . . . Jack Toney, former lead singer, is back, singing lead with the famous Statesmen. Welcome back, Jack. . . . Rosie Rouse, tenor with the Statesmen, has solo album on the Sims label. Soon to be released, "LP is titled, "He's Greater Than These." . . . The Bellaires Quartet, of Nashville, will tour Florida during December. The quartet, composed of Gary Spencer, Tom and Nita Patterson and Nick Boone, (brother of Paul), are being well received and the coming year looks even brighter for the talented youngsters. . . . Another Nashville-based unit, the Four Lanes have been invited to Guatemala City during the first week of December for a Latin-American religious convention. Items for Shaped Notes should be addressed to Herb Wood, Billboard, 226 Capitol, Boulevard, Nashville.

BRITAIN'S TOP 50

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LAST WEEK'S POSITIONS	TITLE	Artist	Label	Number	Price	Notes
1 (1) (1) (1)	1 Distant Drums	Jim Reeves	RCA Victor	RECA 1537	1000	new
2 (2) (2) (2)	2 BEND IT	Dave Dee, Dusty, Rocky, Nick and Tish	Fantasia	TF 246	1000	new
3 (3) (3) (3)	3 I'M A BOY	The Who	Reaction	SR1-001	1000	new
4 (4) (4) (4)	4 YOU CAN'T BEAT LOVE	Supremes	Tonika-Motown	TMC 575	1000	new
5 (5) (5) (5)	5 LITTLE MAN	Sweeney and Cher	Admiral	SA-010	1000	new
6 (6) (6) (6)	6 WINGCHER	Charmaine	New Vanguard	1000	1000	new
7 (7) (7) (7)	7 HAVE YOU	OTHER	1000	1000	1000	new

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Dilemma on Production of Compatible Albums Hits Pye

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In an effort to rationalize production, Pye did some test marketing of a compatible album. It tells it was not a success.

To meet the conflicting demands of home and export sales Pye now finds itself with the problem of having to produce, in some cases, three different versions of the same album—mono, stereo and compatible.

"Obviously we look forward to the day when we can just press and sell on record," said Pye managing director Louis Benjamin. "But it has got to be suitable compatible standard agreed by the whole U.K. in-

dustry. The Continental market is far ahead of Britain's in this respect.

"This could be a great advantage, not only for Pye, but the whole British industry if we could get a suitable and acceptable compatible album."

Noting that Pye has in recent weeks not strengthened the high pop singles chart success it had earlier in the year, Benjamin added: "Some weeks we have five singles in the first 11 and we will do it again, perhaps before the end of this year."

In its last financial quarter from July, the turnover was an all-time high. Benjamin estimates that last month's results will be at least 20 per cent

higher than in previous November.

"This is due to the acceptance of our albums in all price ranges. The marble Arch Budget line has done particularly well. It seems to have reflected the public's current spending power," he said.

Noting further his overseas development, Benjamin is enlarging his foreign department. He is introducing personnel to work with British agents on bookings for Continental artists visiting the U.K. At the same time, the export division will also be offering Continental affiliates increased promotion and press services on British artists.



STAN GETZ, MGM/Verve artist, arrives in Stockholm for personal appearance as part of his European concert tour. From left to right, Getz, his Swedish-born wife, Monica Silferskiöld, and his Swedish manager, Simon Brehm.

U.K. Record Sales Battle Flaring Anew With Entry of Granada TV

By GRAEME ANDREWS

LONDON — The battle for record sales in the British market has been further intensified by the entry into the record business of Granada TV of Manchester, one of Britain's Big Four commercial television program companies.

Granada launches its own label here this week and will put its product initially through its chain of 234 TV rental shops. Granada is the second TV company to enter the business, the major ATV company owning the entire stock of Pye Records.

Granada's arrival means a fresh spurt of competition for Pye, Philips, EMI and Decca who dominated the market until

the debut in the last year of CBS and a host of independent labels such as Immediate, Page One, President and Go.

Flea Release

First Granada release is a \$1 single with two festive sing-along sides playing for a total of 11 minutes by the cast of the company's top-rating TV show, "Coronation Street." Next year, when the label becomes fully operational, it plans to put its product through conventional record stores as well as its own TV shops.

Granada, which has a fully equipped recording studio at its Manchester TV center, plans to record top singles, EPs and LPs by new artists and established acts as well as records

from its TV shows and their casts.

Unique Spot

In Manchester it will be in a unique position to acquire and record Mersey-side talent. For although the Mersey beat boom is past its peak, a steady proportion of British talent still comes from the north of England.

Granada's first record has already pressed and packaged in color sleeve by Associated Recordings, parent company of quality-budget label Saga. Granada is still discussing final pressing arrangements when it goes into full-time record production, and it has still to fix distribution before it can move into the whole of Britain's record stores.

Bonn Puts O. K. on Country as Yule Gift

By OMER ANDERSON

BONN — West Germany postal authorities announced that country records may be sent to private addresses in West Germany as Yule gifts.

"This should please Charlie Louvin," a Bonn postal official remarked. Louvin complained last spring that U. S. gold-folio regulations were depriving "the people in Germany from buying country product."

The procedure is that the records be shipped to the private German address and the stipulation the package is a Christmas gift. Postal authorities said each package would be judged on its merits for exemption from customs.

This means, it was explained, that due weight will be given the argument country product is lacking in Germany, and, in

Louvin's words, "People there are hungry for country records."

The Christmas gift relaxation on customs duties also will apply to shipments to military APO's for distribution to Germans and Americans in Germany not entitled to U. S. military exemption from German customs.

The military APO recipient will be permitted by German authorities to pass the records on to a "non-authorized" recipient as a Yule gift.

There are no specific limits on the number or value of disks sent as gifts, postal authorities here explained. "We just want to be convinced the records really are intended as a gift and not for resale through commercial channels. We like country music and we try to enter into the spirit of Christmas about these things."

Paris Festival Fizzler; Sign of Bad Jazz Times in France Is Blamed

PARIS — The third Paris Jazz Festival, a two-day, five-concert event held at the Salle Pleyel, was something of a disappointment both artistically and commercially.

Despite a wide variety of music and some big names, attendances at the concerts were well below expectations. The presentation unhappily coincided with a period of slump on the French jazz scene. With jazz clubs doing a poor business, with fewer and fewer jazz albums being released, and with jazz programs on radio and TV pruned almost out of existence, the jazz climate in Paris was not particularly propitious.

And if there is declining enthusiasm for American jazz, there is almost complete apathy as far as French jazz is concerned. For the first time one of the concerts was devoted entirely to French groups and it drew a mere 200.



"Walking Happy..."

The remaining concerts featured the George Wein package, which had been touring Europe for two weeks—a tour Wein described as "the most difficult yet." Sheer fatigue undoubtedly prevented some of musicians from giving their best, but the fact remains that a package featuring such big names as Getz, Brubeck, Rollins, Jacquet, Ronch, Eldridge and Willy (The Lion) Smith, would have drawn much bigger crowds three years ago.

Julien Imaeghem
The Festival was opened by

the Ivan Igou Paris All Stars, a big band which impressed with its biting brass. The trio of tenorist-flutist Michel Roques followed and they really swung on a very fast version of "Parker 51." The French concert was rounded off by the trio of brilliant pianist Martial Solal, featuring a program consisting chiefly of originals by the leader. Solal, a brilliant technician, and well drilled bass and drum team, played really well and deserved a bigger audience.

The second concert was devoted entirely to the Dave Brubeck quartet which sailed through a characteristic program of "Take Five" to "Take the 'A' Train" (which had line Desmond solo) and at least looked as if they were enjoying themselves. Because of a dispute between Stan Getz and Astrud Gilberto, the third concert was divided into two. Miss Gilberto appeared first with her own rhythm section and instantly won over the audience with her appealing manner, her coy, little girl voice and bossa nova

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Teldec Five-Star Program Sparkling on Sales Results

HAMBURG—Teldec is posting some of its best sales results ever with its new "Five-Star Program" of promoting picked records in five groups—opera, stars and hits, instrumental, entertainment, and folk music.

Teldec is testing the theory that a balanced sales effort will yield more mileage at less risk than crash merchandising concentrating on a particular product line or star group. Moreover, Teldec's Five-Star approach mixes foreign and German artists and foreign and domestic labels (Telefunken, RCA Victor, Decca, London, Warner Bros., Reprise and Coral).

Operetta offerings are Karl Millöcker's "Der Bettelstudent" (The Student Beggar), "The Gypsy Baron" and "Ritter vom hohen C" with Reinhold Bartel, tenor.

Stars and hits feature Caterina Valente (Portrait in Music), Peggy March in German ("Lass mich meine Traume") or "Leave Me With My Dreams," Nancy Sinatra ("How Does That Grab

Yoo?"), and Hazy Osterwald's Sextet (Musik macht Munter).

The instrumental section has Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass in "What Now My Love"; the RCA Victor recording of "Zacharias" in "Pop Goes

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NAMM Sets Show Meet for Dealers



GOOD WINDOW DISPLAYS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. This Philips World Series display (left) at Lowe's Discount Records store on Michigan avenue, Chicago, stayed up four weeks instead of the usual two. Mercury Record Corp. display chief George Balos designed the experimental window, and seen surveying his handwork. At right store manager Lee Lewin informs Balos that the window display has been effective. "I've reordered three times," she says.



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Tape and Accessory committee for Sunday of convention week, during which meeting dealers will be invited to discuss individual problems.

• Withdrew its request for a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the deductibility of unrefunded excise taxes. On Sept. 21, the IRS denied the request for ruling on behalf of the association but advised it would rule on a case involving an individual dealer. To qualify, however, a dealer must know the amount of unrefunded excise taxes owed him. (The NAMM executive committee expressed the opinion that dealers might better take a mark-down on inventory by the amount of the excise taxes which were applied for but not received.)

• Reappointed S. H. Galperin Jr. as director-in-chief of the Phonograph Record/Tape and Accessory Committee and assigned directors James K. Hamilton and L. A. McKinney to serve on the committee.

• Expressed appreciation to Billboard for its industry coverage and membership on behalf of record dealers.

Two Meetings

The actions taken by the association executive committee were the direct result of two previous meetings of record retailers with NAMM officials. During the 1966 Music Show, NAMM executives met with Galperin and expressed strong interest in affiliating with NAMM (Record retailers have been members of the association for several years).

Several dealers present at that meeting expressed the opinion that an affiliation of record retailers into NAMM might renew the interest of record companies in the giant Chicago Show. Record companies have not been as flagrant in recent years, particularly since the advent of rack record retailing.

The initial show discussion was followed by a more formal meeting on Aug. 24, at which both Galperin and NAMM executive vice-president William R. Gard were present. Record dealers invited to the meeting were V. H. Andersen, Chicago; Martin Dolgin, Niles, Ill.; Henry Elmie, Chicago; M. E. Hollander, Chicago; Edward Nelson, Chicago; A. J. Schaps, Mt. Prospect, Ill.; G. W. Seiffert, Iowa City, Iowa; Bernie Strickland, Chicago; and Daniel Winograd, Chicago.

Prospect List

All the basic recommendations made at that August meeting were approved for implementation by the NAMM executive committee at its meeting.

The decision to actively solicit record companies is already being implemented. According to Gard, all record companies have been placed on a special exhibitors prospect list "for continuing contact."

The special convention business session devoted to phonograph records was an innovation strongly advocated by dealers at the two preliminary meetings. The meeting, tentatively scheduled for Monday of convention week, will begin with a continental breakfast and will feature manufacturers and other phonograph record industry representatives serving on panels with assigned subjects for discussion.

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NAMM SERVICES

Wage-Hour Handbook

At the request of record retailers, we continue a series of articles describing National Association of Music Merchants member services.

CHICAGO — The National Association of Music Merchants, Inc., has just launched a major service program for dealers who come under the Fair Labor Standards Act for the first time Feb. 1, 1967.

Coverage is extended on that date for the first time to stores with total annual gross retail sales of over \$500,000. Those with \$250,000 annual gross sales are covered by the Act for the first time beginning Feb. 1, 1969.

Last week NAMM issued the first Special Bulletin as part of the new service. The bulletin is titled, "How New Federal Wage

and Hour Rules Affect Covered Music Stores."

Now in preparation by NAMM is a Retail Wage-Hour Handbook. To be released early in January, the handbook combines in loose-leaf form material common to all retail music store jobs plus special information related to specific classes of employees, such as office and administrative, sales, warehouse and delivery personnel.

A set of official regulations is included, as well. NAMM is cautioning its members not to assume that smaller stores will not be checked. Wage-hour enforcement officials, NAMM reported, are inspecting records of all retail stores, particularly smaller stores.

"The Federal Wage and Hour Law and Regulations are long and complicated," an association statement reads. "It will be necessary for covered music merchants to consult their accountants and attorneys every step of the way. The NAMM Wage-Hour Handbook, and the supplements that will be issued will save NAMM members hundreds of dollars of payroll costs.

For more information about NAMM services, contact National Association of Music Merchants, Inc., 22 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

9th Washington Show Feb. 10-12

WASHINGTON — Washington's ninth stereo hi-fi show will be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel here Feb. 10 to 12, 1967. Teresa S. Rogers, show director, says wings on two floors of the city's largest hotel have been reserved for what is expected to be the biggest in the successful series.

Mrs. Rogers says the 1965 Washington show drew over 17,000 fans, and the same number attended the February 1966 show in Philadelphia. Per capita, Washington is said to be the world's leading high fidelity market, according to the Institute of High Fidelity.

Scanning The News

NEW GE TAPE UNIT STORES 27 FULL HRS.

A leap in sales and earnings for the fiscal year have been announced by Koss Electronics, Inc., Milwaukee hi-fi and electronic musical equipment firm. John Koss, president, said a doubling of sales in overseas markets and the success of new products in the U. S. was responsible for the record. Sales were up 25 per cent. Profits exceeded the 1965 performance by 10 times. Two years ago Koss purchased Rek-O-Kut Co., Inc., which had suffered losses five years running, merging with Rek-O-Kut in January of this year after purchasing control of Acoustech, Inc. . . William E. Roberts, Ampex president and chief executive officer, announced that corporation sales rose 37 per cent—earnings 30 per cent—for the first half of fiscal 1967 over last year. Sales for the period ended Oct. 29

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SYRACUSE, N. Y. — General Electric has introduced a home stereo system that can store 27 hours of taped material for push-button playback. Called the G. E. Stereo Library, the unit has 81 tape channels and 162 tracks for recording and playback. Each of the channels plays for 22 minutes. The unit could conceivably store all the symphonies of Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Mozart, or about 540 pop tunes. The user can switch from channel to channel using a selector dial. There is no need to rewind. When a channel has completed its program, the tape is rewound automatically as the next channel begins playing. The unit also contains a record turntable, FM/AM/FM stereo tuner and two microphones for stereo tape recording. Retail price is \$1,300.



DICK LAPALMA of Chess Records (right) is being presented four guitars from Kay Instrument Co.'s Bill Sarnoff for use in Chicago's Menomonee Boys Club. Seated at left is one of Dick LaPalma's sons, a member of the club's band.



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BULK VENDING news

Ops and Distribs Speak on 10-Cent Vending

By HANK FOX

NEW YORK—Ten-cent vending has hit a lull here and operators feel conditions will improve until some manufacturer produces a hot item.

"We haven't had a good item in quite some time," said Arthur Bianco, owner of A & B Vending in the Bronx and secretary of the New York Bulk Vendors Assn. "The recent bad items are just not hitting."

Said Michael Goldberg, president of A & G Vending on Long Island, "There is an ample supply of 10-cent items out but none of it has spurred any excitement. Manufacturers are sticking to rings and television specialties. Because Bateman did very well, they believe this is the way to go."

According to Lou Ellis, owner of Ellis Vending and treasurer of N.Y. manufacturers, don't lose on 10-cent vending. "Because we don't know what

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By EARL PAIGE

ST. LOUIS—The problem of 10-cent vending is not one of quantity (most distributors speak of more than a plentiful supply on the market), but one of a scarcity of quality charms being manufactured, according to a local distributor.

Earl Veatch of Central Distributors, who handles many lines of gum, charms and capsule merchandise, said, "There is a serious lack of good quality 10-cent items. And when I say good quality," Veatch emphasized, "I mean items with a dime's worth of quality built into them."

"We find many number of items," young Veatch went on, "That were initially put on the market to sell at 10 cents but which did not prove popular. They're distributors' close-outs and we pass them along here. Often," he continued,

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By SAM ABBOTT

LOS ANGELES—Dime vending has lost none of its friends in the bulk industry in this area, but operators wish there were more hot items and that they would stay that way longer.

Bulk operators feel generally they are at a loss to merchandise the 10-cent items mainly because they are few and far between. If they were every 90 days, four times a year, both the items and the operators would be in.

This year has been good to the operators in the 10-cent field, Ken Ferrier, head of Consolidated Vendors in San Pedro and president of the Western Vending Machine Operators Assn., said. So far, there have been four items well adopted to the time market. They were Bateman's Goo Superfries, cross, rings and charms and Superballs. The last named is holding the sales at this time.

Al Crouch, partner in West Coast Enterprises with Leo Weiner in North Hollywood, said that dime vending for his operation—one of the largest

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By LAMAR GUNTER

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The potential for 10-cent vending is excellent, but it is not being reached. This — the sentiment expressed by Carolina and Tennessee vendors sampled by Billboard.

"What we need is more of a variety of merchandise to put in the machines," said L. M. Johnson of JayGee Vending Co., which has 200 or more machines on location in the Carolinas and the southern strip of Virginia.

"Ten-cent vending doesn't seem to be growing very, but I think it is holding its own. We need more imagination put into the make up of the display cards. The card is the first thing the kid sees and it determines whether or not he puts his dime in the machine," Mr. Johnson said.

Jack Thompson, a partner in Smith Legal of the Carolinas which operates 1,200 10-cent machines in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia, said, "At the present the 10-cent market seems to be relying on fad items. They don't seem to be pushing for new items. It is

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VANCOUVER, B. C. — John Law and Fred Baldwin of Dale Distributing, Ltd., are applauding bulk manufacturers for finally recognizing the need to supply items in plentiful varieties.

"We're finally making our routes pay and the same is true for our operator customers," said Law. "It's meaning that we can go into 10-cent merchandise which has not been true in the past," he added.

Land and Baldwin, who make no bones about their own route operations despite being distributors, said that operating machines keeps them aware of the problems faced by their operator customers.

Baldwin, in pointing out how

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EDITORIAL

10c and the Future

Remember the days of the 5-cent candy bar, the 2-cent licorice stick? They're rapidly fading into the past. The reason is simple: costs are spiraling. Taxes are rising and new ones are appearing where there were none before. While the manufacturer can raise his prices (and increase the distributors' share at the same time), what can the bulk vendor do to stay above the rising tide of inflation? Since the operator is not going to increase his prices, he has to find alternative measures.

The most obvious is giving less value for the same price. With penny vending accounting for as much as 60 per cent of some operator's incomes, a quick solution would be to change to a higher count, possibly 140 instead of 100. One operator told Billboard that if the vendors stick to penny products, they'll soon have to have no outside competition because other 1-cent items are disappearing.

Other operators see the solution lying in higher priced merchandise (5, 10 and 25-cent vending). Whereas 10-cent vending is considered the cream (as compared with the bread and butter penny product), the cream means profit.

Since its beginnings, 10-cent vending has dealt with fads. Said one operator, "It's either feast or famine." His contention is that 1 and 5-cent vending are relatively stable because mothers don't put much value in the penny or nickel and will consequently insert the coin to appease the child. The 10 to 15-year-old child who has the dime is apt to be particular on how he spends it.

There is much validity in this view. However, if 10-cent vending is to lead the way, it cannot fluctuate radically depending on whether or not there is a hot item around. Manufacturers in other industries have spent millions on motivational research with mixed success. Perhaps a little something extra is needed, to move 10-cent items continually. Maybe a totally different display form is needed; or a new machine or consumer advertising campaign. There are many possible remedies, but only a concerted effort by operators, distributors and manufacturers will provide the answers.

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New Products

Note: The description of new bulk vending products listed here is based upon the item as viewed by Billboard's delivery date or availability mentioned has been supplied by the manufacturer. Please notify Billboard's Bulk Vending Editor in New York if there is any discrepancy or promised date indicated and that sold to you by the manufacturer.—Ed.

PAPCO

MR. LUCKY. New from Paul Price is this funny man with an egg-shaped body. Designed to be attached to pens and pencils. Mr. Lucky can also be hung on shirts, coats and other clothing. The arms and legs of the figure dangle and atop of its head there is a large loop where it wears its plastic hat. Mr. Lucky comes in assorted colors and two types of hats are available.

GIANT SCARE-EMS. Scare-ems, an item closely associated with PAPCO, are now available from the company in a larger 25-cent size. Sure to be a big seller, the new line will fit into the Victor V-2 capsule.

GOLD BULLETS. These gold plated bullets come for penny vending without a loop to give them the appearance of the real thing.

MACMAN

SWINGING RINGS. For both boys and girls, these 5-cent rings are featured in many shapes. Most of the rings come with differently colored imported stones. The ring's base is adjustable to fit any size finger, packed 250 per bag with display form.

PENNY KING

MILITARY MIX. For 1-cent vending, this mix includes new military rings. The rings feature a gold plated military symbol embedded in an amber or blue colored disk. The disk is

mounted in a silver plated base. Other items in the mix are military pins, charms, key chains and medals.

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All Quiet on 10¢ Eastern Front

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charm might take off," said Ellis. "We are forced to try any 10-cent charm which comes along." With dime machines being prevalent throughout the nation, Ellis contends that manufacturers must meet with at least limited success on any item. "I'm not saying that manufacturers are putting out mediocre merchandise because they'll be making money anyway," Ellis continued. "But they're not using all their creative know-how."

Many operators are unhappy with this season's crop of new product. The Green Hornet and Monkeys charms are not doing well and many operators

complain about the poor quality of the 10-cent product.

It's not quality, they're complaining about, said Ellis. It's the scarcity of hot items. "It doesn't matter if the operator doesn't think the charm has 10-cent value," he said. "Value is in the eyes of the beholder. If it's a hot item, it becomes valuable. The cost of the item to the manufacturer is immaterial." Because operators there do believe manufacturers must show responsibility in pricing if the operator is to continue to buy from them. The cost of merchandise should never be more than one-third of the sale price," Ellis said. "Manufacturers frequently forget to consider the losses facing operators from vandalism and slugs. And he is also forgetting that the 10-cent items eventually go into 5-cent mixtures." Ellis said that only 25 per cent of new 10-cent charms have even limited success in his machines.

Formed Company
George Herman is one operator who did something about the lack of good 10-cent product. "We couldn't find quality merchandise on the market so we formed our own manufacturing company (We Original Dime Co.). At first we made products for ourselves. It wasn't until some six months later that we thought of selling to other vendors. We've done very well with our products."

Even with their complaints about dime products, vendors point out that the manufacturer is faced with his own problems. "They're reluctant to develop new products because of the widespread copying that is prevalent in bulk vending," said Arthur Bianco, Michael Goldberg attributes the higher cost of some 10-cent items to the royalty fees added to television, movie and comic strip character merchandise.

Operators interviewed said they expect the peak and dovetailing nature of 10-cent vending to continue. Local distributor Irwin Nable said that although dime vending fluctuates with the lower priced forms, if the item gives value it should sell well. Said Roger Folz, co-owner of Folz Vending, "We but to fight to get the dime. Better merchandising is needed. We have to use more attractive displays."

"Operators can't afford to be discouraged," Ellis said. "The 10-cent machines do a limited amount of business anyway and no one can predict the success of a dime charm."

Some operators, however, have become discouraged. Arthur Bianco said that occasion-

ally he is forced to replace a dime machine with a nickel unit. Other vendors have reported the same. While many vendors are unhappy with the present state, few were willing to prescribe cures for 10-cent vending. "We don't want to tell the manufacturer what to produce," said one operator, "but personally believe the successful item has to be modeled after good selling, more expensive merchandise like the Go-Go rings and Trolls."

More Value Needed, Says This St. Louis Distrib

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these prove to some of our best nickel and penny items."

"Try some dime items in your 5-cent machine some time," Veach challenged, "and see how fast they move out. The point is," claims Veach, "quality is something customers instantly recognize. It just isn't in so much of our dime merchandise today."

"We are constantly in touch with manufacturers and suppliers," he commented, "and we try to perform a function here as a distributor. We've actually been to shop for merchandise such as bracelets, military medals, rank emblems and various items we feel could go into dime vending dispensers."

Veach, in addition to being a bulk distributor, also operates a few routes. "On our routes we're tired of having to explain or defend the quality of different types of merchandise to store owners and even to the kids who come up to us and say 'We're filling machines,'" he said.

Veach feels that there are essentially two types of bulk vending merchandise. "I think there's the toy market and the other one is the fad market," he said. He further indicated that it is the younger members of the Veach family who are often helpful in providing him with an insight into the toy market items. Veach has a daughter, Mary Christine, six, and a younger son, Brad, four.

As an example of a toy item Veach thought had the necessary quality to sustain as a dime item he cited the cloth emblems. "These sticker items had actual intrinsic value," he said, "and this is something children care for to their mothers. It's why certain items catch on," he said.

"We've recently received some of the hand puppets that we've sold," and this is another item that could have real potential if the quality is maintained."

Veach centers his case on the question of going for price at the expense of quality in both toy and fad items. He directed his comment to Go Go Rings, which he said was one of the hottest fad type items. Central dealt in this summer.

"Originally these were a real 10-cent value," he emphasized, "but soon we saw cheaper imitations on the market as the fight for price started. It was much the same with the flicker rings which quickly came out to be a nickel and penny type item."

"We need a \$38 or even a \$40 bag of 10-cent mix," Veach complained, "not a \$32 dollar mix. We need to go up to quality because this is what's wrong with our business now."

"How many distributors are loaded with trolls and Bama merchandise?" he asked, "they overestimated the market potential, yes, but the quality

Good 10¢ Items Few and Far Between: Coast Ops

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in the area—had fallen off because the items were tapering off in popularity. No items are sufficiently strong to boost sales significantly. Now that the swimming season is slackening, the surfers items, too are losing sales. Go-Go rings, he added, are over the hump. Although the Batman may have turned attention to items of its kind,

Green Hornet failed to score in West Coast's machines.

Joe Arguelles of Joe's Vending in the Seal Beach area is hopefully looking forward to the arrival of colored Superballs at the supply outlets here. He has done well with the black dots, but finds they are nipping and tucking for top sales. He uses at least one dime machine in a location, particu-

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MOV Hears MOA Plans; SCCOA Backs School

MOV Re-Elects Dick Lumpkin

By EARL PAIGE

RICHMOND — The Music Operators of Virginia met here (18-19) in their 8th annual convention and trade show and were addressed by MOA president James Tolisano, executive secretary Fred Granger and MOA legal counsel Nicholas Allen.

In its business meeting the association elected four new directors and an entire slate of officers, retaining current president, Dick Lumpkin of Ashland, for a second term.

As is the practice in MOV, all four of the line officers were re-elected for a second term. In addition to Lumpkin they are M. L. Holland, Roanoke, first vice-president, Claude Smith, Roanoke, second vice-president; K. A. O'Connor, Richmond, secretary-treasurer, and Jack Bess, Roanoke, executive director.

The following directors were re-elected: Gilbert Bailey, Gloucester; Mrs. Harry Lubman, Petersburg; W. M. Showalter, Harrisonburg; Thel Shields, Waynesboro; Hy Lesnick, Richmond.

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FRED GRANGER, executive vice-president, Music Operators of America, addressing annual convention of Music Operators of Virginia. MOA president James Tolisano is seated left and MOV president Dick Lumpkin is in center.

H. C. KEELS JR., president of the South Carolina Coin Operators Association, Inc. greets South Carolina Gov. Robert McNair who addressed the SCCOA annual convention. Others from left are Mrs. McNair, Mrs. John Carl West, U.S. Gov. John Carl West and SCCOA attorney Peter Hyman.

Latest Capitol 7-In. LP Release Boasts Sinatra, Wilson, Owens

HOLLYWOOD — Capitol Records has released a dozen new 7-inch stereo LPs for jukeboxes, bringing its Little LP catalog to a total of 47 titles.

Included in the release is product by Frank Sinatra, Nancy Wilson, Buck Owens, Nat King Cole and Lou Rawls.

Capitol commenced release of Little LPs on its own just a year ago after discovering considerable operator demand at the 1965 Music Operators of America convention in Chicago.

The latest Capitol release is the fourth by the company under its current program. Included in the group are "Song For Swingin' in Love," Frank Sinatra (DU 653); "The Great Years," Frank Sinatra (SU 1762); "Mickie Finn," Mickie Finn (SU 2210);

"Lonesome Is Me," Charlie Louvin (SU 2482); "This Is the Life," Matt Monro (SU 2540); "Many Happy Hangovers," Jean Shepard (SU 2547); "I Could Sing All Night," Ferlin Husky (SU 2548).

Also, "Elvira," Dallas Frazier (SU 2552); "Tender Loving Care," Nancy Wilson (SU 2555); "Carnegie Hall Concert," Buck Owens and his Buckaroos (SU 2556); "The Unforgettable Nat Cole Sings The Great Songs," Nat King Cole (SU 2558) and "Soulful," Lou Rawls (SU 2566).

proached ROSA, the Record One-Stop Association, in regard to complementary booth space as an association at the national show. "One-stops say they want to join MOA. They are welcome," Granger stated. "We are waiting to see how many join."

Other plans high on the priority list of MOA Granger mentioned were the continuing efforts with the MOA insurance and retirement benefit plan, the continued endorsement of service training schools and an enlargement of MOA's public relations program which was the dominant part of Granger's address at the opening session of MOV here.

Industry Image

Granger, who said he had thought of several topics as he and his wife journeyed to Virginia, related that he had decided on public relations only upon arrival at Richmond. "Actually," he said, "I don't like

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MOA to Launch Regional Assn. Push

RICHMOND, Va.—Members of the Richmond Operators of Virginia were told that Music Operators of America will launch this year its most ambitious effort to establish State organizations. The announcement was part of an address by Fred Granger, MOA executive vice-president.

He has already made definite plans to be in Birmingham later this year, both President James Tolisano and myself," Granger said, "and we have plans for traveling reviving organizations in several States. Granger mentioned Minnesota, Tennessee, Louisiana and Kentucky specifically on the MOA hopeful list. "Of course, our membership drive is continuing," Granger added, "and so is our efforts to get more one-stops into the association."

Granger, in relating MOA's position regarding one-stops, made it clear that the national

organization had always held the door open to one-stop participation. "We are going to continue to do everything possible to get a closer relationship between one-stops and MOA and this will be a major point of our discussions in Washington in February," he said, adding that MOA was intending to study ways to increase services to one-stop members.

One-Stops

In detailing MOA's past efforts to enlist one-stop memberships, Granger said, "We've sent mailings inviting all one-stops to become members. We've invited them to participate in panel discussions at conventions and we've offered individual one-stop booth space at conventions at reduced prices," he said.

Granger further revealed that MOA had in the past ap-

Tolisano MOV Talk Reveals New Ideas

RICHMOND — James Tolisano, new Music Operators of America president, told the Music Operators of Virginia here they "must look at their industry in a different light and plan accordingly." He went on record at advocating the family recreation center concept as one answer to utilizing present equipment to its greatest advantage.

Here to address the eighth annual MOV convention, Tolisano aired many fresh ideas.

"I am a strong believer in our own business being on a par with the entire entertainment industry," he told MOV's members. "This would encompass movies, radio, sports and all en-

tertainment. We in our part of this industry have a tremendous lot to offer and at a bargain price," said Tolisano, "but we have to also face some sober facts."

Steady Decline

"We all know there's a steady decline of locations. Urban development has claimed a lot of locations that have not, and will not, be replaced. The drive-in restaurant is being replaced by hamburger outlets that offer no chance to sit new equipment," he continued.

"To top it on this, people are changing their whole way of life where recreation and entertain-

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NAMA CONVENTION

Security: Topic in Business Meetings, Exhibits

By EARL PAIGE

CHICAGO — "Managing for Change" was the theme at this year's National Automatic Merchandising Association convention, and although the word "c-o-n-f-e-d" was used in the evolutionary sense, one could not help but think of the word's other meaning, too—cash, coins and currency.

There was much emphasis on money, both at the convention's business seminars and on the exhibit floor, and how to collect it, count it and above all, keep it.

In one of the most interesting of NAMA's business sessions,

W. W. Reamy, security specialist, Macke Co.; T. R. Glenn, chief special agent, Illinois Bell Telephone and William Murphy, commander Chicago Police Department, spoke on "Plugging the Security Drain on Profits."

Exhibits

In one way or another various exhibitors displayed equipment designed to also help coin machine operators plug up the drains. Delta-Sort International Corp. exhibited its "Transit-Alarm" burglar alarm system; Inter-Count Industries, Inc., showed its "Security Coin Boxes"; Johnson Fare Box Co.

displayed its "Audio-on-Location" equipment.

The whole approach to problems of money once it's in the coin box had significance at the Music Operators of America show too. Each of the four major coin manufacturers at this year introduced some type of coin-counting systems in their product. One game manufacturer introduced dual coin box with separate compartments for the operator and location. And the introduction of dollar bill acceptors on coin equipment at both the MOA and NAMA introduces other problems.

Money handling has spawned another whole segment of the coin machine business. Companies such as Brandt Automatic Cashier Co., Hamilton Scale Corp., Standard Change Makers, Inc., and other firms are manufacturing a wide array of equipment, much of it displayed at the recent conventions here.

The Macke Co.

Reamy told his audience, "We've now installed burglar alarms in all buildings at our Philadelphia headquarters. We've put up eight-foot chain-link fences topped with barbed wire."

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JACK MORAN, service school pioneer, is seen here flanked by South Carolina Coin Operators Association, Inc. president H. C. Keels Jr. (right) and first vice-president Hal J. Shinn, just after Moran had addressed SCCOA on matter of new Atlanta school.

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The CMMA—A 35th Anniversary Salute!

How the Oakland Eight Became Eight Hundred

AN ERA ENDS IN CALIFORNIA. George A. Miller, founding president of the CMMA, is presented a retirement remembrance by new association president Henry Lyster as 600 persons at a Los Angeles banquet rise to accord Miller a standing ovation.



THOUGH better known as chaotic incubator of offbeat cults, sects, recording acts and political candidates, California has bred more coin machine associations in the past four decades than any dozen other States.

Best estimates run the total of California associations into the hundreds. The 1930's and 1940's, in particular, present the coin machine historian with a colorful, albeit confusing, patchwork of California operator groups. Here's a paragraph full of examples: The Protective Association of Coin Machine Operators of Los Angeles County, with Joe Orcutt as a prime mover; Long Beach Amusement Games Association; California Amusement Machine Operators Association at Los Angeles (each monthly meeting featured a floorshow); Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, bringing a fellow named Curley Robinson into the news; Automatic Music Merchandisers' Assn. of San Francisco; Associated Operators of Los Angeles County; California Amusement Machine Operators Association; California Music Operators Association; Northern California Coin Machine Operators Association; Tri-County Operators' Association at Watsonville; Vending Machine Association of Northern California, and Sid Bloom's Western Vending Machine Operator's Association. Ad infinitum we could go.

All these groups conscientiously and with varying success confronted industry problems. Many came into being to douse brush fires and then disbanded. None claimed stature representation. Yet the California Music Merchants Association, which meets Dec. 2 in Los Angeles to toast its 35th year, has roots in most of those now-defunct groups.

The search for the headwaters and tributaries of the CMMA takes the curious to San Francisco in the mid-30's—and then a bit further back and across the Bay. During the 1930's a group called the San Francisco Music Operators Association frequently was invited to dine with the California Music Operators Association, an Oakland organization founded in 1931 with an eight-man nucleus.

It's well known that the Oakland group, undergoing a couple of name changes, was to outlast

the many transient trade organizations of the 1930's and 1940's to emerge in the 1950's as the California industry's authoritative voice.

It's as well known that the reason the Oakland group survived and went on to assume the leadership of the California industry was that—among such early Bay Area leaders as H. L. Thompson, H. S. Osbourn, Tony Capers, Fred Newman, Bill Barker and Tony Camargo (among others)—there was George Miller.

MUCH of the history of the CMMA reads like a George Miller biography. (As does the story of the Music Operators of America, of which Miller was founding president.)

Under Miller's leadership as president and managing director, the growing California association took early and aggressive steps to protect the interests of the operator. Usually, as Miller told reporter Paul Zakaras (see story elsewhere, this issue), the association was able to nip potential problems in the bud. Here are some of the challenges faced by the emerging State group in the formative years:

- 1933—Questionable jobber policies.
- 1934—"Hot" machines.
- 1935—National industry awareness.
- 1937—Public relations.
- 1938—Unionization.
- 1939—Location selling.
- 1940—Phonograph classification and commission schedules.
- 1944—Wartime business practices of distributors and jobbers that included operation of routes.
- 1945—Promotion of good will among operators, with full co-operation with respect to location agreements.
- 1946—Unfair trade practices, cut-throat competition and "unfair and confiscatory" taxes at the municipal and State levels.
- 1947—Ten-cent, three-for-a-quarter play.
- 1948—Working for 58 off the top with a 50-50 split of the remainder.
- 1949—Keeping locations and battles between unions for jurisdiction over music machines.

On a June night in 1950 the California Music Guild—as the CMMA was then named—held a

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The CMMA and a Man Named Miller

"Taking care of problems before they reach the spectacular stage."

By PAUL ZAKARAS

HAVING lunch with George A. Miller, president emeritus of the California Music Merchants Association, was a prominent law enforcement official of the Bay Area. They were talking about 1940, about the coin industry's attempts to introduce a "video jukebox." The lawman was amazingly well informed.

"No," Miller laughed later, "he isn't a former member of this business. It's rather ironic, in fact, that we first met many years ago when he was working for the FBI and conducting an investigation of me and the CMMA."

George Miller, tall, dignified, possessor of a lively interest in California politics (numbered among old friends such people as Gov. Pat Brown). He does not look his 70 years, nor does he act like a man who is "semi-retired" from the activities of the powerful association which he founded, to which he has devoted half a lifetime.

"Yes, this is our 35th anniversary," he said, "but do most people know that we started under a different name? The California Music Operators Association, we called it then. It was a small-scale venture at first; there were only eight of us, Oakland operators, back in 1931. We realized that we had mutual interests and we stuck together. Through the years the idea spread until it finally became statewide."

In the middle '30's we got together and changed our name. California Music Guild was the new title. It seems a bit humorous now to look back on it—our obvious desire to give the association a more dignified sound. But, on the other hand, this was symbolic of one of the central efforts of our association, and the whole industry as well—to present a good image to those outside our industry and to instill pride in those who are part of it.

"Fifteen years ago we changed our name again

to the present one. This is a good name, I feel, because it accurately, without pretensions, describes our business group. It shows that we have truly come of age. These days, no one doubts that being a member of the coin machine business in California is something to be proud of.

"I GOT into this industry almost accidentally," Miller recalled. "I had been in the service station tire business. Then my wife's uncle died. I took over the estate to settle it for my wife's aunt. The property included a coin machine route—24 locations in all, some of them on ferry boats. I looked into this route and I thought I saw a future in it, so I bought it for myself."

"We had two types of machines at first," Miller said. "One was a little counter-top type of pin game, the other was some sort of a pinball or nickelodeon. Shortly afterward, however, jukeboxes from Mills and Wurlitzer came out and became the chief items of equipment."

"I remember that business was good, and I was determined to make by part of it grow. I used to collect the nickels from one machine and then run out to buy another one. I gave up the tire business and devoted myself to this new field. I had really no idea what I had got into, but I operated profitably for about three and a half years. Then I sold the route and took over full-time duties as managing director of this association."

"We were all growing then, and the association had much to do. We faced it all with the philosophy that we would best serve our interests by being good businessmen. Therefore, from the earliest days we used to get together to discuss what a good businessman was and to see how we could apply these ideas to the coin field. We decided that four points—service, appearance of place of business, appearance of the operator in

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"At the time, believe it or not, with direct profits from the machine being the main incentive to the location owner, we would split like this: one-third to the location and two-thirds to the operator. Actually, the way we explained it to the location—and this was part of CMMMA's educational service to its members—was that the location received one-third, the operator one-third while the final third went for parts and repair; it was reinvested into the equipment to keep it in first-rate condition.

"The business itself, despite various problems, has continued to thrive and grow. Membership in our association has risen steadily to the present figure of 800. Eight to 800 in 35 years—it has multiplied a hundredfold. But the main reason for our strength, I would like to stress, does not lie in sheer numbers. It is based primarily on the fact that our people pay dues on a per-machine basis instead of a fixed yearly amount. This system has enabled us to have the operating funds necessary to do the job properly.

"There are no spectacular success we can point to, and this perhaps is the biggest success of all. The fact that CMMA has been able to take care of many problems before they reached the spectacular stage is, I believe, a credit to the foresight and business acumen of the association.

"Such personal contacts and friendships, of course, enabled us to inform these various people about the realities of our business. Because we were able to explain such realities we have usually succeeded, for example, in preventing exorbitant and unreasonable taxes from being levied against California operators. We have also been fortunate enough to be one of the few States

"Through these personal contacts, through the use for our yearbook, through various banquets that we have sponsored—all of these are activities that have their public relations side—we have been able to acquaint various dignitaries and officials with our industry, and the people in it. Instead of being secretive we have taken pains to keep them informed. The result of this, of course, is a confidence in the company. As I said, once was investigation. But now there is no need of this. We are not strangers any more, to be looked upon with suspicion. This, I think, has been our greatest achievement.

"Of course, not everything has gone perfectly for the industry during the past 35 years. We have had our setbacks—like any other business. The greatest setback, I feel, has been the adoption of the practice of lending money to locations. This is now the worst evil in our business and, unfortunately, it continues to grow.

"It started about 1950, no one knows who started it exactly, or why, though it was probably a gimmick to get a location. Since then it has become a widespread practice. It is bad because it puts the operator in an insecure business situation. If he lends money to a bar or tavern, he is betting that the owner is a good businessman, that he will be able to run a profitable bar and that we will be able to avoid violating some law—serving a minor, staying open after hours, allowing gambling on the premises, and not lose his license. This is a bad business practice for the operator—there is absolutely no reason for him to take such risks.

"The CMMA, which secures legal services in both northern and southern California, has drawn up sample contracts the operator can use in his dealings with locations. This is the only way that the money-lending habit can be stopped. An operator who uses a contract has no need for this loan business. And the sooner he starts to get away from it the better.

"I think acceptance of the contract system is on its way to becoming a widespread reality. There is currently more feeling among operators in favor of contracts than at any previous time. The great majority of CMMA members is attempting to make full use of them. In the next few years we might see the industry take this important step.

"Also, long to the future, I feel there is a good chance that the jukebox will begin to take a more active and important part in record distribution. I think that many of the people who are hearing lately, realize that only a narrow portion of their products are given proper exposure on the air and are looking to the jukebox as a way of reaching people with new adult product. This is not a new idea—we have been talking about it for many years. I think the day has finally arrived. It would be a realization of many of our fondest hopes if, through the combined ingenuity of phonograph manufacturers and record companies, this idea becomes a reality in near future. I think it may be one of the new phonographs it is obvious that people are not seriously thinking along these lines."

"Personally, I have greatly enjoyed my years in this industry. There have been many memorable moments for me. I remember well, for example, the time when the boys from CMMMA presented me with the most beautiful of my first Cadillac. That was 10 years ago in 1956.

"Perhaps, if I were to single out one thing in my career that has meant most to me, I would recall the time when, after having been named the first president of the Music Operators of America, I returned home to Oakland to find that the CMMMA had prepared a testimonial dinner for me. There is no way to describe the depth for which I was moved by this gesture," he said, "I am still wearing the ring which was presented to me that evening."

OAKLAND—"We have good laws or bad, fair or exorbitant taxes and license fees in relationship to the amount of attention we pay to public relations," Gordon H. Garland, public relations counselor for the California Music Merchants Association, recently stated.

CMMA, and earlier its embryonic forerunner around the State, has always carried on an impressive public relations program. Early in the '30's the California Amusement Machine Operators' Association headquarters in the Subway Terminal building in L. A. launched an outright good-will-building plan centered around a weekly series of cartoon contests in the newspaper offices. \$5,000 in prizes was

Curley Robinson, secretary of the Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, mailed out reprints of a Billboard editorial dealing with minors to various businesses and newspapers in 1937. In 1939 a major daily newspaper devoted nearly a full page of publicity to CAMOA efforts and programs.

In the early World War II years AOLAC distributed 2,800 pinball games and 240 jukeboxes to Army outposts, boys' clubs and other patriotic and charitable organizations. Additionally,

the organization, looking toward postwar problems, protected the locations of 57 members who were serving in the Armed Forces and campaigned a slogan that read, "A Job for That Boy When He Comes Home."

When he comes home,"

In Oakland, the Californian Music Operators' Association used \$5,437 by raffling off a diamond ring to raise funds with which they purchased three ambulances for the Red Cross.

Largely responsible for this public relations achievement were George Miller, Tom Russ, Russ LeMenkes, Joe Silla, H. Munson, C. L. Spear, George Delacruz, Purr Wines, Frank Morgan, Miles Standish, L. H. Stricker, and William A. Malick, members of the fund-raising committee.

In 1948, Coin Machine Industries, Inc., awarded a prize of \$1,000 to the California Music Operators' Association president George Miller in recognition of his outstanding efforts in creating good will for music operators.

In January, 1950, Miller announced one of the most ambitious public relations programs ever conceived by California coinmen. Immediately, the name of the Oakland-based association

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35 Years of Impatience With 'Discriminatory Foolishness'

Legislative problems, the driving force behind most organizations of coin machine operators, welded together various diverse trade elements in California during the 1930's. A total of five bills aroused intense response. "Discriminatory foolishness" was the way most California coinmen described the

One all-encompassing proposal dealt with "any contrivance, machine, appliance or mechanical device in which a marble or marbles and/or pins are used, and upon which any prize or reward is to be paid or offered to be paid to the user thereof is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable. . . ."

A second bill affected all types of vending machines. It was worded in part, "... any so-called vending machine or mechanical device for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise, which mechanical device shall deliver one article or quantity of merchandise at one operation of said machine, and other articles or quantities of merchandise at another operation. . . ."

Still a third law would have made it unlawful to own or operate any automatic machine set in motion by depositing a coin or slug. The fourth bill dealt

more specifically with slugs and a fifth bill, more general in nature, sought to prohibit pool selling, bookmaking, etc., on pin or marbles machines.

of the L. A. Gains Co. were in Sacramento lobbying against the above in behalf of coinmen. By the end of 1933 another legislative problem, in the form of a \$5 per machine license enacted by the L. A. city counsel, further unified Southern California operators.

Here, both the peanut and gum vendors under the banner of the Western Vending Machine Operators Association and officers of the California Amusement Machine Operators Association united.

By 1936 more than 25 separate trade organizations across the State had been formed and California operators had their first test case victory in Tulare with Arthur Renaud found not guilty by jury on a city ordinance violation concerning marble games.

Los Angeles operators met in June 1937 and reported that thanks to organizational efforts no detrimental legislation had been passed in all the wrangling in Sacramento.

In the late 1930's, an organization was founded called the
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George A. Miller, founder and long-time president of the CMMMA and first president of the MOA, has officially retired from his various activities within both associations. He now resides in Sacramento, but continues to be active in the community through his occasional appearances on behalf of the CMMMA and the MOA. Miller also remains active in a number of civic and charity endeavors. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the California State Civilian co-ordinator of the motor vehicle department of the California Highway Patrol, then combined under the direction of Gordon Garland. Miller has served on the Oakland City Planning Commission and has been a member of the Small Business Administrative Committee in Alameda (Oakland) and Contra Costa (San Francisco) counties. He has been a deputy sheriff of Alameda County for a number of years; is a member of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fair, the Masonic Fraternity; is the director of Oakland's Boys Clubs and the director of the city's Cerebral Palsy Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fair. George A. Miller is married and has three children, all of whom have families.

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CMMA's 35th

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lete, of the Los Angeles division of the California Motor Vehicle Department; Earle E. Baker, Ransom M. Callicott and Eugene Wyman of the Los Angeles City Council. Also on hand were L.A. division President Hampel; Joe Silla, CMMA Oakland vice-president and CMMA board chairman William Black, Bakersfield CMMA president, and Larry Marvin, Sacramento CMMA president. The CMMA was robust and fully represented.

ENOUGH so that when in 1957 the Music Operators Association of Massachusetts launched a fight to remove a \$150-per-year-per-machine jukebox tax, the CMMA launched a drive among its members for money to support the New England effort. The national consciousness of George Miller was ever apparent in the CMMA.

Joe Silla, Frank Morgan and Sam Tessler formed a quartet with Miller in 1958 that had been with the CMMA since its beginning. All were re-elected that year to association post-Miller as president, Silla as vice-president, Morgan and Tessler as directors. Others elected that year were Ralph Love, recording secretary, and directors Larry Marvin, Bud Patton, Wes Elster, William Black, Fritz Althaus, Alex Ferrero, Ben Murillo, Henry Leyser and Ben Stetson.

"Dear Fellows," began Miller's letter of resignation as president of MOA in October 1963. "This is probably the most difficult letter I have ever written in my lifetime and I probably will never write another one like it. . . .

"Music Operators of America has become a part of my life due to the fact that I was one of the founders of the organization and also because I have worked so zealously to elevate the good name of the automatic phonograph industry. . . .

"I tender my resignation . . . with the knowledge that every organization goes through a period of transition, and I believe that MOA has reached this point."

CMMA was soon to reach a similar point. In April of 1963 George Miller was re-elected to his ninth, three-year term as president of the CMMA. It was to be his last term. He resigned as president and managing director of the association in August of 1965 for "health and personal reasons." In doing so he paid tribute to CMMA

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TRAINING TOP PROBLEM FOR IND. VENDOR

WARSAW, Ind.—Charles T. Bertsch of Bertsch Vending here said he favors the training approach of such companies as Vendo where men are brought in for concentrated training on a specific problem rather than complete technical school systems.

"We don't favor sending a man out to Los Angeles to a vending school because we have no certainty he will come back to us," said Bertsch. "Even if he has a family and home here he might decide to sell it and move away entirely. We'd rather send our men to the kind of school Vendo is conducting in different parts of the country," he said.

Even the more concentrated approach of factory type schools can present difficulties, according to William Downhouse, service manager at Bertsch. "I went to the school to learn refinements and small details," he said, "but I had to go through so much I was already familiar with." Downhouse explained that one service problem was to dismantle the water tank on a vending machine. "The new fellows didn't know where to begin but I had it out in seconds because I'm experienced. They should have these schools set up on levels and separate the more advanced from the beginning servicemen," Downhouse said.

Bertsch and several of his employees were interested visitors to the recent National Automatic Merchandising Association convention in Chicago.

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Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, Inc. Art Mohr, AALC associate, was in Washington, D. C., on several important assignments during the late 1930's and early World War II years representing the interest of West Coast operators.

In Los Angeles, the California Music Guild segment found support in a fight against the city's board of supervisors in the person of police chief Michael Riordan. A capable attorney, Riordan interpreted city and State laws as regarded "one-ball" games and amusement devices and attempted to clear up the ambiguity of law that did not spell out the number of balls in pin games.

In Riordan's opinion an amusement device was "any machine or device which, upon insertion of a coin, slug or token in any slot or receptacle attached to said machine, may be operated for use as a game, contest or amusement, and which does not contain a pay-off device for the return of slugs, money, checks, or tokens."

Riordan told San Francisco officials that pin games presented no police problem and District Attorney Edmund Brown had earlier termed "all pinballs" gaming devices, assailed only the one-balls at a committee hearing.

Three years later counsel for the California Music Guild, Harrison W. Call, declared from his desk that the new laws would "enforce fair trade laws to the letter." Call, in concert with the State Legislature, secured in 1913 laws that were strengthened to prohibit monopolizing and doing business below cost.

Another effort of association members were again successful

In the mid 1950's when the newly organized and renamed California Music Merchants Association, headed by George Miller, worked to establish a new license fee ordinance in Bakersfield. Hailed as a model law, the new rate of \$24 to \$70 a year for 10 units and \$2 per machine for operators having less than 10 units, was adopted in three California counties and became known as "C-241."

A year later CMAA efforts were thrown behind an effort to amend C-241 to establish a fee based on the overall gross of the operator rather than single \$3 per machine figure which the city sought to increase. Said Miller, "Under current licensing ordinances, other businesses were allowed to gross \$30,000 a year and pay \$70 a year license."

The jokebox operator must own and operate at least 65 phonographs to gross \$30,000, and at least 125 jukeboxes to gross \$25 in licenses. CMAA, successful in holding the line at \$5 per machine in Oakland, continued to press for the gross pre-rated arrangement.

In 1961, a bill that would have imposed a \$6.50 per machine annual State tax (Assembly Bill 1965) was blocked through the efforts of CMAA members who made numerous appearances before the State Legislature in Sacramento.

In the wake of successful campaigns such as this, CMAA was able to tell its members that "making the new license legislation had been enacted."

As diversification became a part of coin machine operating business in California, George Miller in 1965 proposed a lot of legislative action on both the State and local levels this year. He said he anticipated "a number of problems surrounding the 5-cent cigaret tax

Insolata to Illinois Bar Counsel Post

CHICAGO—S. John Insolata, contributing editor to the Bill board coin machine department on legislative and labor matters, has been appointed general counsel to the Illinois State Bar Association.

The announcement was made by Amos M. Pinkerton, ISBA executive director. Insolata will reside in Springfield, Ill.

World Wide Hosts Service Session

CHICAGO—Operators and servicemen from 17 firms attended a service school at World Wide Distributing here last week. Mike Shohat, Seeburg field engineer, conducted the session. Photographs covered the new Showcase and other late models.

Companies represented were: Phonograph Service Corp.; Avondale Amusement Co.; M. B. Music; Newell Bellamy Music; A.A. Swintington Music Co.; Bluebird Music, Inc.; Triple AAA Music Co.; Vending Corp. of America; Tri-Coin Music & Novelty Co.; Dial Amusement Service; South Central Novelty Co.; Apex Amusement, Inc.; American Music Co.; Music Vendors; Clover Music Co.; Melody Music Corp.; Eastern Music Co.

Representing World Wide were: Harold Schwartz, Roy Freer, John Neville, Ray Giconda, Sam DePiero, Manuel Herman and Larnell Green.

increase proposed by some State legislators.

Hence, a co-operative arrangement between vending and music operators—a throwback to 1931 now exists. CMAA hopes to combat adverse cigaret legislation.

to have had the privilege of being a part of this successful program.

CALIFORNIANS were grateful. The largest crowd ever to turn out in Los Angeles for a coin machine industry function honored George Miller in November of 1965. Presiding over the panegyric was new CMAA President, Jerry Lester. Other members of the CMAA new look were Executive Vice-President Marvin Jones of North Hollywood and Vice-Presidents Walter Hampl, Jr., of S. La Brea, Ben Murillo and John Orland. Elected officers were Fritz Althaus, William Black, Russ Catnahan, LeRoy Cooks, Burlia James, Clifford Jones, Clyde Love, Wayne Moore, W. R. Patton, Frank J. Portale, William T. Worthing, Lou Zeiden, and alternates Herman Bied, Joe Tessier and Herbert Pierce. C. G. Silla, aboard from the start, is board chairman emeritus.

Thirty-five years ago a group of operators who George A. Miller had the foresight and conviction to gather a small nucleus of operators to form an association which is now known as the California Music Merchants Association. Lester wrote recently, "There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that he could not have achieved what he did during these 35 years without the help and support of a group of operators who recognized his leadership and the need to unite their voices so that they could be heard. . . ."

"George A. Miller, president emeritus, has done more than his share during his term in office and even now, in retirement, to make the operators aware of their responsibilities to themselves, the industry and the community. Unfortunately too few understand and heed the call."

"Let us take the time to honor the man for his greater accomplishments and successes. . . ."

"There are many changes taking place all around us, and if we are able to recognize and take advantage of these changes, we may, as a collective group, keep 'Sleeping' Los Angeles within our dynamic industry, which is synonymous with entertainment, the purest form of medicine for people of all ages."

'Fair or Exorbitant'

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was changed to California Music Guild from its former title, California Operators' Association, Inc.

Half-page newspaper advertisements through the California Association of the promoting CMG and radio and television were employed, too. A weekly half-hour radio program was purchased on a contract. Meanwhile, down in Los Angeles, operators were promoting the sponsoring CMG and to promote themselves and the tune, "Hollywood Polka," with Bill Leuenhagen, well-known L.A. one-stop operator, heading up the program.

In 1953, Miller, then president of the Music Operators of America in addition to CMG, championed a combined charity drive for March of Dimes, Heart Fund and the Red Cross. He also advocated using a record with the title strip, "Play for the March of Dimes," and told MOA how successful CMG had been in locating jukeboxes outside theaters and other public locations in the State association's own charity drives.

Walter Hampl, president of the Los Angeles branch of the State group, inaugurated a "Hit of the Month" promotion to help build publicity for the association in Southern California in 1954.

The same year saw the California Music Guild again change its name to the present title of California Music Merchants Association and the start of even larger public relations efforts as evidenced by Miller's chairmanship of the Central Park drive in Northern California that year.

One year later Los Angeles newspapers featured several stories pointing out the contributions of phonographs and equipment to teen-age organizations and other groups through a program that was carried on by the L.A. branch of CMAA.

MOA's March of Dimes program in 1955 got a boost in California by way of CMAA's Statewide program of placing signs and placards on phonographs explaining that part of the gross from the machines would go to the charity drive. Jukeboxes even appeared in such unlikely spots as banks and hotel lobbies, with papers such as the Oakland Tribune lauding Miller and CMAA.

One of the more famous public relations efforts by CMAA began in 1957, at a time when the association launched its "Juke Box Derby" to Los Angeles television audiences and TV viewers as far as San Diego and to the north in the Fresno area.

The show was subsequently changed to "Juke Box 57," and even on a conflict with Peter Potter who had complained that the show's title conflicted with his own program, "Juke Box Jury." However, it was not long

CMAA Contract

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dent and managing director of the California Music Merchants Association to attend a meeting at the CMAA in this area. I am proud to say that the very first time we here in Southern California called for assistance from our State association, the representatives of CMAA met the challenge without any hesitancy and performed excellently. This is the reason we pay a county license that was reduced more than 50 per cent."

until all five divisions of CMAA met in a special session at Bakersfield and on subsequent dates in other cities which led to CMAA's signing in even a greater publicity effort for the association.

With CMAA stickers in every corner of the State plaguing the coin with the popular Potter TV show, the association's name began to show up in other places both on the entries in local "Derby" events. Leroy Lambert, a Stockton operator and active in the American Legion, was largely responsible for CMAA's tie-in here and later the association moved into public relations efforts with the Juvenile Olympic League in California, too.

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MOA Launching Regional Push

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the term public relations. I think in terms of industry image, which I think is greatly improved in recent years.

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of trade figures were on hand during the affair. Some said C. Art Daddis, Sol Lipkin, Gene Daddis, George Hinkler, Bob Bear and Dick O'Connor made cinema the Virginia showing another regional business session in addition to the successful exhibit here.

Exhibits
Distributors showing equipment were Peach State Trading Co., Columbia (Rowe, Irving Kaye, Bally, Fischer, United Billiards, Chicago Coin, Liton Industries); Wurliizer Co., Atlanta; American Shuffleboard Co., Union City, N. J.; Bib Distributing Co., Charlotte, N. C.; Southeastern Vending Distributors, Inc. (Seeburg, All-Tech, Williams, United, Gottlieb Clement); LeSourgeny Distributing Co., Charlotte, N. C. (Rock-Ola, U. S. Billiards).

During its business session SCCOA members chose Spianburg as the site of its annual election meeting the weekend of Jan. 21-22. Current officers of SCCOA in addition to president Kenneth are Hal Shinn, first vice-president; Royce Green Jr., second vice-president; Fred Collins, third vice-president; E. Campbell, treasurer, and A. L. Witt, board chairman. SCCOA's board consists of 15 members elected to one or two-year terms.

A seven-man nominating committee was named consisting of A. L. Witt, A. W. Bradford, E. Green Sr., Jerry Palms, Wade Crow, Horace Andrews and Jim Faulk.

Membership approval was gained on selecting red and green as colors for 1967. SCCOA decals, which are placed on all members' coin-operated equipment across South Carolina, were the association's public relations efforts.

Pool Law
SCCOA attorney Peter Hyman reported on the current Supreme Court case in South Carolina, Melody Music Co. vs. Sheriff of Richmond County, wherein the association is hoping for a decision on Section C-6, Title 5 and a reversal of a May 31, 1966 State Court's decision which ruled that "A pool table is a pool table is a pool table," in Hyman's words.

Hyman told SCCOA members that their efforts to gain a special category for coin-operated pool tables of 3/4 feet by 7 feet or less, has every chance of success and that the tax commission office is sympathetic. "This would mean that coin-operated tables would be exempt from the regulations applied to regular billiard pool tables," Hyman said, "as they should. We feel coin-operated pool tables fall in a category with bowling games, shuffle-alley and other coin-operated amusement equipment."

Currently in South Carolina billiard locations must furnish an annual \$500 character bond and are subject to other regulations, such as curfews. This was seriously hampered the operation of coin-operated tables and led to the current Supreme Court case. A ruling here in Columbia is expected very soon.

Industry figure Bill Gersh addressed SCCOA on the subject of two plays for 25 cents and sparked considerable discussion both on the floor of the meeting and during recess periods afterward. President H. C. Keels Jr. told the membership that he expects to switch to the dual play.

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Moviematic—"Filipetto" Photo Unit

Moviematic Industries Corp. of Miami has introduced this new portable, coin-operated photograph booth designed to snap a series of 25 pictures in sequence in 11 seconds which, when vended after the customer has paid, develops cuts, stacks and staples the 25 pictures and delivers them to the customer in three minutes. The 1 1/4 by 2 3/4-inch photos are taken using strobe lights. Film is in the form of a magazine, each holding 103 filipetto booklets. Servicing is simplified by the use of sub assemblies. All wires have disconnect fittings for easy removal of any unit. Unit takes 15 sq. ft. of space. For 50-cent vending, the unit may also be set to snap individual shots. Cabinet is of plywood with formica covering.

MOV Re-Elects Dick Lumpkin

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The following firms were on hand to exhibit a full array of products: State Sales and Service Corp., Baltimore (Wurliizer, Automatic Products, Bally, Ditchburn Vending, Irving Kaye, Wamp, Tape-A-Thon, Universal Vendors, Victor Electronics, Gold Medal Products); Pat's One-Stop, Richmond; General Vending Sales Corp., Baltimore (Rock-Ola, Fischer, Irving Kaye); Eastern Distributors, Inc., Baltimore (Seeburg); American Shuffleboard, Union City, N. J.; Sax Distributing, Charlotte (Automatic Products); Southeastern Vending Distributing, Inc., Norfolk (All-Tech); Calvin Sales Co., Baltimore (Oak, Acorn, supplies).

A number of prominent manufacturer figures including Wurliizer's Bob Bear, American Shuffleboard's Sol Lipkin and Gene Daddis and others were on hand with some journeying on to the South Carolina convention and trade affair in Columbia which opened (19-20).

Allen told the MOV assembly that the current copyright bill in Washington is 200 pages in length and that the section MOA is concerned with is only one small part of an all-encompassing total revision of the old copyright legislation. At one point MOV president Dick Lumpkin raised the question of Senate passage should the bill eventually clear the House subcommittee and the lower chamber.

"Yes, it's theoretically possible for the bill to be stopped in the Senate," Allen responded in the later question and answer session. "But it would be highly unlikely if he continues to have to realize that this bill encompasses the whole spectrum of copyright legislation dealing with literary, artistic, scientific and all aspects of copyright. It represents a 50-year cycle of legislative action and is now being rushed to the other appointment."

MOV members were fully informed of the latest developments in Washington as concerns the copyright question in a feature address by MOA counsel Nicholas Allen who flew in (18) to spend a few hours with the Virginia group before rushing to another appointment.

Next year's annual convention and trade show date was also set at the meeting with the Wade Hampton Hotel here again chosen as the site and the date set for Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

MOA Officials

In what was James T. Litalano's first official address to a state association since his election at the Music Operators of America convention, the new head of the national organization called for a fresh approach to expansion and diversification in existing locations as well as to rising operator costs during a period when the number of locations continues to decrease (complete report elsewhere).

MOA executive vice-president director Fred Granger, Jr. outlined MOA's renewed public relations drive, its efforts to enlist one-stop membership, explained that the national organization while continuing to drive for new members will be especially promoting new sites and associations this year and that it will fully endorse the drive spearheaded by Jack Moran to set up a trade training centers in the U. S.

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Theater Operates Vending Units as Patron Service

LOS ANGELES — Just how widely accepted the vending machine business is here can be seen in an independent theater manager who insists on housing several vending machines in his lobby, despite the presence of his own revenue-producing refreshment bar.

He reasons that the vending machines (soft drink and candy-gum) provide "customer service" to his patrons who are unable to reach the refreshment bar during intermission. "Service to the customer," said Nat Levine, executive manager of the Rolling Hills Theater, Torrance, Calif., is more important than losing a few sales at our refreshment counter."

The "customer service" vending machines, maintained by the ABC Vending Corp., Los Angeles, only "steals" about 2 per cent of the theater's refreshment trade. A figure low enough, according to Levine, to be able to afford vending machine service for his patrons.

Customer Relations

Levine also believes more independent theaters, especially neighborhood houses, should consider vending machines as a method of improving customer relations. "It's better to lose about 1 or 2 per cent of your refreshment take," he said, "than lose your theater customer because he is unable to receive

proper treatment at the refreshment counter. The lack of time between features (intermissions) run about three minutes) prevents our service-counter personnel from handling the refreshment buyer."

Being in competition with himself for the refreshment dollar doesn't bother Levine. "Inadequate service does. "Since motion pictures are better than ever," Levine said, "the theater managers should strive to woo patrons away from television with a solid 'public relations' program. The vending industry can provide a big lift to the theater's customer relations-service program."

Levine discounts theaters owning machines because of the mechanical failure. At times, he said, servicing the machines can be better handled by the vending company, thus eliminating the

MONEY Retains Key Excess in Annual Vote

NEW YORK.—The entire executive board of Music Operators of New York was returned to office at the association's annual meeting Tuesday (22). Also, the more than 40 operators attending elected eight members to the board of directors.

Pending the elections, MONY attorney Ted Blatt presented a report on current litigation facing the organization and advised members of possible violations of jukebox extortion clause of the performing rights

need of mechanical personnel to fix an silling machine.

The Rolling Hills Theater does operate its own cigar machine because of its low maintenance problem. In fact, Levine sells cigars in the machine for 35 cents, a nickel less than cigar machines throughout Torrance.

Torrance, the third largest city in Los Angeles County in population (113,000) has just added a 2-cent cigar tax.

"By not charging the extra nickel in our cigar machine," Levine said, "we provide still another customer service."

Vancouver, B. C.

During the meeting Ben Chiofsky, MONY general manager, announced the new Manpower Training jukebox mechanics school will have a revised syllabus. "I term the class concentrated heavily on electrical," Chiofsky said. "We learned since then that a thorough knowledge of mechanics is more important in jukebox servicing and we've changed the curriculum accordingly. Twelve students are in the second class.

societies copyright law. Blatt told operators that bars and restaurants requiring an admissions fee at the door are subject to the collection of royalty checks by ASCAP, BMI and SESAC.

Blatt advised that where as "Go-Go cabarets," and jukeboxes serve the entertainment, the operator should convince them to charge a minimum rather than a door fee. "If the patron is not charged for entering the jukebox, it is not considered a public performance for profit and no royalty fee can be collected," Blatt said.

In the election, all four incumbents ran unopposed. Retaining their positions are Al Denver, president; George Holtzman, vice-president; Bill Kohler, secretary, and Gil Sonin, treasurer. New to the board of directors are Ben Rubin of Broadway Music, Herman Herman (Herman Automatic Music). Other directors returning to the board for another year are Doc Ship, Shapiro Music; Irving Fenchel, James Music; David Sachs, Union Vending; Leonard Block, Melody Amusement; Albert Arnold, Empire; and Mervyn Skind, Master Automatic.

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West Coast

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larly variety stores and markets. He had no experience with Green Hornet for he never stocked them. Arguelles, a veteran operator, attributes the drop in dime sales to some extent to the winter months. Right now, he is using some former dime items in mixer or putting them in 5-cent machines.

Bill Coombs, who serves a wide territory from his headquarters in the Simi Valley, emphasized that the spurt in sales of 10-cent items depends entirely upon their popularity. He uses a dime machine in just about every location and the going product now is Superballs. The life of a hot item, according to Coombs, is about six weeks. Of course, there were exceptions, for the Trolls lasted about three months and Batman was alive and kicking for almost the same length of time.

Coombs services on a three-week schedule and he likes to see an item going strong for at least three trips or more.

St. Louis

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engaging in a gutter fight on price."

"We need to get away from the kind of items such as we had this summer where our customers here at Central didn't know whether to make them 10-cent or 5-cent machines. The question existed on any number of items," Veatch said, "and there shouldn't be any question if any item has intrinsic value built into it."

Charlotte, N. C.

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hurting the 10-cent business considerably. Our 10-cent vending is off considerably from last year. The market there but it's not being exploited to its full potential."

Sam Roberts of Knoxville, Tenn., offers a dissenting view. "I have only been in it three years, but every year my 10-cent business increases." He has about 2,000 10-cent machines on location.

"The merchandising makes the difference. If you get an item that doesn't move, you shift it to another location. It is more or less a bad type of field I like the ad items myself. Whatever bad comes along will double your sales. Rings and novelties will always go, but you need the ad to boost sales."

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Security Hot Topic in Business Meets, Exhibits

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We've installed floodlights, posted guards and even employ dogs on our premises," he said. Other security measures at the Macke Co. are inside-outside bells, closed-circuit photo electric cells to trip off alarms, conductors on windows and doors, flammot buttons in case of holdups and an annunciator sound system that silently notifies the local police precinct in a manner inaudible to the intruder.

"In our trucks," Reamy explained, "we have metal grates in back of the driver. Our safes are bolted to the floor. Currency is kept in special magazines which are placed inside the safes on the trucks," he said, "and our trucks are wired for burglar alarm even to micro-leaf switches on the windows."

And they still break in at the Macke Co. trucks. "I was told of one gang that hit the company twice. 'Once they cut through the chain-link fence and were scared off when a burglar alarm was tripped on the first floor. The second time," said Reamy, "and cut the telephone line thinking this would foil us. It didn't," Reamy said. He also told of "Bolt Cutter Bandits" who were snipping off the padlocks on the back of the Macke Co. trucks.

"These guys were nervous," said Reamy. "They knew our trucks would ring but they calculated on the few seconds necessary to get inside and make off with the cash. The magazines are being re-evaluated our in-truck storage plan for magazines," Reamy said, indicating he had solved this security problem, too.

Search Locks
Glenn spoke on internal security at Illinois Bell Telephone where "employee defalcation" is a problem his company strives to solve before it occurs. "We screen all applicants, check their school records and look for abnormal behavior patterns," Glenn said his office.

Although telephone company collectors do not handle coins directly and collect only the sealed coin box in the lower section before it occurs, the introduction of security coin boxes by companies such as Inter-County Industries, Inc., and Delta-Sor's machine burglar alarm, recommended for jukeboxes, pin games and all vending machines, features fully transistorized mechanism, battery operation, a mechanical time

boxes with empty ones and return later in the day for the loose change that's accumulated in the bottom housing where the box should be.

Glenn also explained the use of a special "Snatch Lock" developed for Illinois Bell by Western Electric. "This is a 27-A lock we use in place of our 10-G mechanism in the upper housing. If a key is inserted and turned to the 4 o'clock position a spring-loaded lever jams across from the right side, trapping, or snatching the key so it cannot be removed," he said. He went on to explain that a hole had to be drilled in the housing and a wire is snaked in to retrieve the key.

Stolen Trailers

The problems of pilferage, vandalism and route thievery seemed almost pale when Commissioner William Murphy told the audience about the theft of car trailers. "In one year we had between 80 and 100 trailers stolen," he said. "These were entire trailers, the size of boxcars," he repeated, to emphasize the enormity of the problem.

His explanation of how the problem was solved began with application for vending and music companies. "We encouraged them to trucking companies to organize. Immediately when a trailer was reported stolen we called various companies. The company then called three others. Each of these companies have radios," Murphy said, "and it pyramids until maybe 4,800 drivers know the description of the trailer. In this way we recovered nearly all of them in time to save the merchandise."

R. W. Funk, NAMA legislative counselor, also addressed the problem and urged the audience that association surveys showed that less than half the member companies have security procedures and internal security checks. "Only 41 per cent employ some form of key and lock security," he said.

Manufacturers

For those who didn't grasp the gravity of the seminar, exhibitors at McCormick's emphasized the security problem facing today's coin machine industry.

Delta-Sor's machine burglar alarm, recommended for jukeboxes, pin games and all vending machines, features fully transistorized mechanism, battery operation, a mechanical time

Wis. Operator Starts Strong

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis.

An appliance dealer who took to coin machine operating with natural ease aptly characterizes Jerry Engle, who with his wife Joyce, son Craig, and daughter Margie, is making the new Falls Vending Co. operation here a family affair.

Engle, who spent 20 years in the appliance field, recently made an installation at Master Lock Co. in Milwaukee. His experience in realizing the value of net-appearing merchandise was valuable in selling Master Lock on the series of Rowe Cedebray venders Engle is using in the plant site location. His appreciation of service was equally valuable.

As Engle put it, "Here is a company which wants to be second to none in creating ideal working conditions for its employees." Believing he had something in common with Master Lock, Engle further stated, "I want to provide a service second to none."

Rowe regional sales manager Paul Huebsch spoke of vending newsworthy Engle's glowing terms when he said, "He's a hard worker, always on the go." Apparently Master Lock Co. was favorably impressed too, as Engle nailed down the important account.

delay for service periods and requires no installation tools. The boxes employ two locks. One secures the box in the machine and route men have only the key that removes the box from the lock. The second box itself, and it can only be opened in the operation collection room. Boxes can be coded as to routes and contents, must have a key-inventory card accompanying each box removed from its individual machine.

Johnson Fare Box Co. introduced its portable hand-operated on-location coin counter with a register printer. Measuring 11 1/2 inches high, 9 1/2 inches deep, 9 inches wide and weighing less than 19 pounds, the machine delivers a printed record with a receipt for the location owner of the \$76.95, according to figures released this week by R. C. Roffing, chairman of the board and president. This year's figures were \$11,895,605 compared with \$11,808,690 last year. Second quarter net earnings were \$201,555 equal to 17 cents per share on 1,210,250 shares of common stock. This compares with net earnings of \$487,830 or 40 cents per share last year.

Figures as of April to September inclusive were \$21,927,120 compared with \$20,783,289 last year, which is a 5.5 per cent increase. Net earnings for this six month period were \$281,640 equal to 23 cents per share on 1,210,250 shares of common stock. This compares with net earnings of \$481,186 or 40 cents per share after adjustments for the same period last year.

From the Jayhawk State side the list included: Joe Nash, Knox Amusement, Bethel, Chuck Merilott, Jayhawk Amusement, Topeka, Gene Knechet, Knechet Vending, Paola, Lee Edwards and Jerry Leonard, Triple L Oil Co., Eldorado, Leonard Ronnefing, Garrett, Tony Brull, Ace Music Co., Atchison, John Erick, John's Novelty Co., Lawrence, Dave Garretson, Daves Vender, Topeka, Jim McDonald, Jayhawk Music Co., Emporia, John Plumb, Capitol Music Co., Topeka and from Kansas City, Kan. Jack McCord, A&J Amusement, Jack Mouse, Intercity Music Co., Howard Township, Coin-O-Mat Co. and Bill Jackson, Kansas Amusement Co.



DIGNITARIES at recent meeting of the North Carolina Coin Machine Operators Association included, from left, association first vice-president A. M. Fleishman, North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure, MOA national membership chairman Jack Bess and Julius Nelson, secretary-treasurer of the NCCOA.

Coimen in The News

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

An excellent turnout of operators and route servicemen attended a Rock-Ola Service School sponsored by Bill Findlay at LeSturgeon Dist. Co. here recently. Among those attending were: Mose Phillips, Aldridge Music Cross; John Johns, Smith Vending, Burlington; E. D. Evans, Triang Amusement, Durham; J. F. Wallis, Wallis Company, Asheville; Robert C. Jagert, Bob's Music Co., Winston-Salem; R. D. Jefferies, Raleigh; Benny Pierce, Pierce Music Co., Raleigh; Bob Howard, Jacksonville; Arthur Schmidt, Bob's Music Co., Asheville; J. Melvin, Julius Nelson, Vemco Co., Fayetteville; C. L. Johnson, Rosemary Amusement, Raleigh; S. C. D. E. Padgett, Music Vendors, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Lenoir; J. C. W. Harrison, Darlington; S. C. Warren Deague, Hickory; J. C.

Comer, Dixie Novelty, Hickory; W. Floyd Whitley, Thomas, Larry Stewart, Joe Hanley, Greenwood Music Co., Greenwood; George A. Kildner, Greenwood Music Co., Fayetteville; Rupert Haire, Salem; Edna C. Johnson, Charlotte; Willie M. Gordon, Charlotte; Richard Krackl, Richard's Music Co., Durham; Raymond and R. A. Sharp, S. R. Durham; Fred Callen Jr., Greenville; Everett Smith, Bill Dredits, Barry Addin Greenville; Mrs. M. E. Dabner, Charlotte.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

An interesting twist on diversification was recently pointed out by Floyd Evers over at Bird Music Distributors in Manhattan. "We've noticed some of our vendors operators starting to buy jukeboxes," Floyd reported.

There's no reason why diversification, which is becoming the direction of traditional music games operators going into vending, can't work the other way and Floyd is discovering this.

"I guess it's a competitive thing," reasoned Floyd, "where a vending concern has a location that wants all its services from one company but it says something for the value of music service, too." Evers pointed out.

Right now Bird Music is having excellent business on the new Rock-Ola models which it introduced during an open house not long ago.

Floyd also says Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Placek have been on the Rock-Ola tour of the Middle East and the third Boston stop looking forward to MOA and NAMA in Kansas City this month.

On the other hand, Dick Soley also got off on the subject of vending companies into music and reported that he recently sold two jukeboxes on a long-term vending operator out in mid-Missouri.

In this case, Jack indicated that the operator, although primarily engaged in vending, had gotten into jukeboxes. This led to servicing locations with phonographs, too.

"We've had some vending companies into jukeboxes," Jack offered, as further evidence of the two-way route in modern coin machine diversification.

Jack saying that the new Seaburg phonograph is getting wonderful acceptance in Sutherland territory after a very successful one-day open house showing here in the Hilton Inn. Showing was also conducted at the Joplin and Wichita branches.

Laurel Knechet was just in from the Seaburg factory, Jack reports, to assist in the weekly service tour of the Seaburg territory here. Some 20 operators and route servicemen were in for this particular session dealing with the

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Ohio City Laws Being Studied

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—An ordinance that would place a \$25 license on the first jukebox or similar device and a \$10 fee on each additional machine is now under study by a city council committee headed by Mayor Tom Sawyer. The study was proposed by councilman Jack Hunter.

Another proposal by councilman William Fasting establishing a \$50 fee for the first piece of equipment and \$5 for each additional unit, is also under study. These moves follow the local ordinance that the ordinance passed in 1965 for a \$1,500 fee schedule for first machine (\$3 for each additional machine) was "confiscatory."

Showcase Bows in KC

KANSAS CITY—Sutherland Distributing Company's recent K&W Seaburg Showcase premieres included one for Missouri and Kansas operators at Hilton Inn here. Addressing the assembly from the Seaburg factory were Ed Blankenbiller and Ed Claffey. Representing Sutherland were Bill Sutherland, Delmar Music Co., Kansas City, Martin and host Dave Sutherland.

Missourians journeying in for the showing included: Chet Troyer, Troyer Music Co., St. Joseph, Delmar Music Co., Springfield, Missouri City, A. J. Hiltner, Hiltner Coin Equipment Co., Waverly, Charles Lamers, Chuck Topic Co., Bonville, Ed Wole, Wole Music Co., Sweet Springs, Ted Nixon, Tarkio, Charlie Page, Modern Music, Springfield, Walter Cobb, Acme Music, St. Joseph, Art Kinney,

K&W Amusement, Springfield, Orville Greiner, Rhapsody Music Co., St. Joseph, S. B. "Burr" Sutter, United Amusement, Lebanon, Bill Canady, B. C. Amusement, Sunrise Beach, Bill Taylor, Melody Music Co., and local operators Charles Bengimina, B&G Amusement, John Allen, A&W Music Co., Delmar Music Co., Springfield, Mo., Lloyed Harlow, Harlow Music Co., Glen Blum, B&B Vending Co., Don Baker, K. C. Merilott, Gilbert, and Davis, Phil's Music Co.

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The Merrimac LP's

LOS ANGELES—Merrimac Music Industries, Ltd., newest entry in a producer of stereo 7-inch Little LP's for jukebox operators, has announced the 30 following titles would be available through distributors and one-stops:

Color-Sonics

Names Schwartz

NEW YORK—Henry Schwartz, a 39-year-old engineer and major stockholder with Color-Sonics, was named chief operational officer of the company this week, replacing Executive Vice-President Stanley Green.

Schwartz, who designed Color-Sonics' present unit now in distribution in major U.S. cities, will be responsible for all phases of the company's program, it was announced. The company source stated that Green had tendered his resignation "to devote more time to other interests."

Say You Saw It in
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Al Herbert & Iguaña Brass R-1; Al Herbert & Iguaña Brass R-2; Million Dollar Violins—Raoul Moreno Conducting R-3; Medley: Fred Astaire With David Rose Orchestra R-4; Ray McKenzie & Orchestra R-15; Million Dollar Violins—Raoul Moreno Conducting R-6; Carol Lawrence R-7; Francis Bay & the Brunell's World Fair Orchestra R-8; Million Dollar Violins—Raoul Moreno Conducting R-9; Ink Spots R-10.

Others: Francis Bay & Brunell's World Fair Orchestra R-11; Million Dollar Violins—Raoul Moreno Conducting R-12; The Hi-Lo's R-13; Charlie Barnett & Orchestra R-14; Million Dollar Violins R-15; Andre Previn R-16; "King" Henderson & Orchestra R-17; Million Dollar Violins R-18; Billy Daniels R-19; Francis Bay & Orchestra R-20.

Still more: "Million Dollar Violins R-21; Pete Jolly & Friends R-22; Mel Halvert & Orchestra R-23; Nick Carras & Orchestra R-24; Mel Torme R-25; Ray Eberle R-26; Nick Carras & Orchestra R-27; Ennio Stuarti R-28; Mugpy Spanier & His Dixieland Band R-29; Dick Haymes R-30.

SCCOA Backs School Plan

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for a quarter "Right after the end of the year."

But other members both publicly and privately registered comments that gave the impression such a move to hike play fees was something that would have to be given careful study. "What about a single selection? This would mean our teen spots would have to play two songs since we would no longer have dime coin chutes?" one operator asked.

Still other operators questioned whether the economic conditions in South Carolina could be compared to metropolitan sections such as Miami, where two plays for 25 cents is reportedly successful. Said one member privately, "Take a spot where my pool table is doing all the business in the place and the juke box takes in only 10 or 5 per cent. How can I tell the location owner I'm going to this?"

Another member questioned the widespread publicity of a firm agreement concerning the royalty question now pending in congressional hearings.

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mates of various Seeburg vending machines. Dave Sutherland just back from a weekend at Lodge of the Four Seasons where Missouri vending operators gathered for a State convention. With Dave, Bill Litzeberger, manager of the Joplin branch.

Another returnee from a trip is Harry Silverberg at W.B. Music. Harry and wife Rose were on a jaunt to the Far East, following W.B.'s photograph showing at Executive Inn here.

Harry infusing the ad news that veteran Seeburg distributor Bill Betz is back in the hospital over in St. Louis. Bill, from whence the name "W.B." Music originated when Harry and Mr. Betz became associated several years back, has been in bad health since retiring from the St. Louis operation.

John Balk reporting that his son, Murray, received a chipped bone in the opening kickoff game for Shawnee Mission High School this fall. Murray, who hopes the injury won't sideline him too long, plays guard.

John also has another athletically inclined youngster in his son, Dennis, who attends Old Mission Junior High. Dennis is on the swimming team and also competes in water polo.

John Balk Jr., another son at-

tending North High where he is a senior this year, is more inclined toward drama, the veteran Wurlitzer distributor said. John Jr. has just begun studying for a part in a school play.

John also reported that he just recently played host to Wurlitzer's Ralph Cragen, who was visiting the branch on a swing through the Midwest.

One of the busiest guys around town of late has been Dave Elliott at Elliott Distributors, a seasonal thing. Dave opined, "The coffee season is on, the candy season is on. The busiest falls I've ever seen," said Dave, who won't kidding. "I always run everybody missing him down at the Lodge of the Four Seasons gettin' EARL FAIGE

DENVER

• Important news recently was the purchase of the rotas for the new coin machine in the Morris in Denver by Bob Rothberg, of Continental Music Co., a seasonal thing. Dave opined, "The coffee season is on, the candy season is on. The busiest falls I've ever seen," said Dave, who won't kidding. "I always run everybody missing him down at the Lodge of the Four Seasons gettin' EARL FAIGE

partner, Don Adams, report that hunk vending operations have been a success. The new take up the slack which has come from relatively slow phonograph collections. The new partner, Johnny Knight of Skyline Music Co., Lakewood, has been appointed. Scapione distributor for the Denver area—a real feature in Knight's cap. Charlie Cousma, of Cousins Music Co., in the Denver Five Points area has completed construction of a new, attractive home in the Denver suburb. . . . Chuck Morrison Jr., son of the veteran Leadville, Colo., operator, surprised his local gentry recently when he enrolled in Jack Merritt's school for "coin-machine mechanics," graduated with honors, and returned to Leadville to give his father a lift on the route! Moran's Coin Machine Institute, incidentally, is operating with a student body of 18 at present. . . . A third general member of the coin-machine fraternity in Denver is Jim Bernard, whose grandfather, Tom Bern, was one of the first full-scale phonograph operators in the State's history. The older Bern, retired, still lives in Denver. . . . Recent vacationers were Bob Fawcett, and John Schuster, both of Drisco Sales staff. Both took Colorado fishing-ground vacations, and reported full creels every day. . . . Happy over a complete remodeling job in offices, shop and showroom are Marshall Pack, Don Keys, Sam Keys, and Jack Hackett. The long-drawn-out remodeling program followed serious flood damage which occurred in Denver's \$500,000 drenching last year.

In Denver, celebrating a birthday, and buying a truckload of games and phonographs, was George Aboussene, of San Mateo Company, in Bernalillo, N. M. Aboussene reported volume in his New Mexico territory, near Albuquerque, holding up well through 1966. . . . Gus Brown, who has been a salesman with numerous Denver phonograph distributors for many years, has joined the staff of Seeburg Distributing Company, Seeburg distributors in Denver. His son, Gus Brown Jr., is a full-fledged operator, who began in the field while still a college student, and who gets excellent advice from Gus, Senior. . . . More intelligence from Chuck Morrison Jr. informs that there will be no "aching backs" in his Leadville operations, since Morrison bought a new hydraulic lift which can handle 100-pound loads with ease. . . . A new operator to enter the ranks recently is Louis H. McClung, who has launched L. & D Music Co., in Yuma, Colo. . . . An operator who is making the summer season pay both ways is Bill Burbank, of Montrose Music Company, Montrose, Colo. Burbank owns a popular dude ranch, a few miles from the town, which provides fishing, swimming, camping, horseback riding, and the usual pattern.

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Original Broadway Cast. Columbia KOL 6420 (M); KOS 3020 (S)

The new Broadway musical is enhanced by the presence of the three stars, Barbara Harris, Larry Stender and Alice Arlen. The score itself is strong within the context of the show. Arlen should be quibbled on the success of the Broadway run. Eddie Bauer's arrangements are extremely well done.



POP SPOTLIGHT

S. R. O.
Hilda Albert & the Tijuana Brass. A&M LP 119 (M); SP 4119 (S)

Well tilted from their concert attendance, the exciting group have another new album here with the spotlight on their current hit "Wanna". Also featured are the classic hits "The Beach" and "Frisco" for added sales strength. "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" and "The Wall Street Rag" are standouts.



POP SPOTLIGHT

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL
New Yorkville Band. Fantasy MG 27560 (M); SRF 67560 (S)

Having gone over the million mark with their single, the title tune, creative Britisher Geoff Boucher and his New Yorkville Band should meet with equal success on the LP chart. Material forthcoming in the same vein include "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square", "Whispering", and "Top Gun". Be-Do-da-do!



POP SPOTLIGHT

THE TEMPTATIONS GREATEST HITS
Gordy 919 (M)

All of their hits under one cover makes this a hot contender for the top of the LP chart. With "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "Smile a Little Baby" and "Beauty is Only Skin Deep" included, this one can't help being a sales blockbuster.



Pop LP Spotlights are those albums with sufficient sales potential, in the opinion of Billboard's Review Panel, to achieve a listing on Billboard's Top LP's charts. Spotlight winners in other categories are selected on the basis of their potential to become top sellers in their respective areas.



POP SPOTLIGHT

CHANGES
Johnny Rivers. Imperial LP-9334 (M); LP-12334 (S)

With his smoky single, "Poor Side of Town" included as a basis for top sales, Rivers has come up with a winning album. His exerts in warmth and understanding of lyric content. An example is his unusual classic treatment of "California Dreaming." He adds a fresh new dimension to such pop hits as "Cast Your Fate to the Wind" and "Days of Wine and Roses."



POP SPOTLIGHT

BORN A WOMAN
Sandy Posey. MGM E-4418 (M); SE-4418 (S)

Based on her smash, "Born a Woman," Sandy Posey has hit the winter's circle with this album. Ballads are Miss Posey's cup of tea and she fills them with a tender, emotion-packed voice. The album should have no trouble meeting the top of the charts.



POP SPOTLIGHT

ANIMALISM
The Animals. MGM E-4414 (M); SE-4414 (S)

The drawing power of the Animals' name insures this album of a high position on the charts. The group's testing for the soul sound is evident in such standout performers as "Cold Down Slow" and "Dance." "My Guy," this should be one of their biggest LP's to date.



POP SPOTLIGHT

THE HORN MEETS THE HORNET
Al West. RCA Victor LPM-3716 (M); LSP-3716 (S)

And what a meeting it is! Trumpeter Milt gives the current TV season a solid work-out on this top-rated LP that can't miss. The show starts swinging with his current single "Green Horned Demon" and moves through "Get Shorty," "The Muleback" and "I.H.E. Cat," making this a top commercial package.



POP SPOTLIGHT

FEELIN' SO GOOD
Willie Bobo. Verve V-8669 (M); VE-8669 (S)

Bobo has assembled a blockbusting program that generates excitement from start to finish. The Latin-jazz arrangements are especially effective on recent pop hits "Banana Spumoni," "I'll Be Riding Home" and "Luna," enhanced by a chorus shouting in the background. Good programming fare, which should stimulate sales.

POP SPOTLIGHT

PETER AND GORDON SING AND PLAY THE HITS OF NASHVILLE TENNESSEE
Capital DT 2430 (M); ST 2430 (S)

With their Liverpool sound of Lady Gagarin currently riding up the hot 100, the duo takes the colors of Nashville. Included in this two world combination standouts are "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail" and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" as natural for both markets.



POP SPOTLIGHT

CHAD MITCHELL-HIMSELF
Warner Bros. W-1667 (M); WS-1667 (S)

Chad Mitchell stands in this unusual and well-balanced program. A powerful performance of "The Other Side of This Life" introduces the singer as a solo and leads the way through many arrangements of "Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime" and the tender "Visions of Doves." His interpretation of Jacques Brel's "Meriska" is a standout.



POP SPOTLIGHT

COMMAND PERFORMANCES
Doc Severinsen. Command 85 904 (S)

The brilliance of Doc Severinsen's trumpet sings throughout his Command package as he masterfully performs standards ranging from an exciting "When the Saints Come Marching In" to a soft, sensitive "My Funny Valentine." The album is indeed a commanding performance as Severinsen's musical dexterity is in full display.



POP SPOTLIGHT

WHY PICK ON ME / SOMETIMES GOOD GUYS DON'T WEAR WHITE
The Standells. Tower T 5044 (S); ST 5044 (S)

The group's latest riding single "Why Pick on Me" paves the way for this topical LP, which should also be a hot chart item. Their raucous treatments of "My Little Red Book" and "Don't Be a Sucker" are outstanding. There's the added bonus of their "Sometimes Good Guys Don't Wear White."



CHRISTMAS SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTMAS IS A COMIN'
DLP Boonies. DLP 23770 (M); DLP 23770 (S)

The new popularity of Boonies, riding up the hot 100 with "With You Wherever, Buddy" should do a great deal in garnering additional sales for this well-timed holiday package. The opener "Christmas Is a Comin'" is a gem and then to add a fresh touch to such favorites as "Winter Wonderland" and "The Yuletide Carol."



COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

HANK WILLIAMS/HANK WILLIAMS JR. AGAIN
MGM E 4378 (M); SE 4378 (S)

The first volume featuring the late Hank Williams and his son-Hank Williams Jr. was a great success. Electronics does wonders in teaming up these two. Tunes include "I'll Be a Bachelor 'Til I Die," "Keel-ler" and "Hound on the Loose."



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

VERDI: FALSTAFF (3 LP's)
Fischer-Dieskau/Various Artists. V. Vienne Philharmonie (Bremen). Columbia MCL 350 (M); M35 750 (S)

Barnstein, the Vienna Philharmonic and an all-star cast could make this package of Verdi's comic masterpiece the season's hit operatic set. Add to Fischer-Dieskau's falstaff are fine performances by Regine Resnik, Graziella Sciutti, Leo Lignabue and the rest of the ensemble.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

BARTOK: VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 2 (1938)
Yehudi Menuhin / New Philharmonia Orchestra (Dorset). Angel 36360 (M); S 36360 (S)

This is an overwhelming reading of the concerto, fused in a violin and orchestra working perfectly together. Contrast are handled easily and freely. The "Six Dances" gets an able assist by Neil Golovsky, whose playing is sharp and crisp.



CLASSICAL SPOTLIGHT

DONIZETTI: LUCRZIA BORGIA (3 LP's)
Cabealle/Various Artists/RCA Italiana Opera Orchestra (Parma). RCA Victor LM-6176 (M); LSC-6176 (S)

The stupendous, flexible voice of Montserrat Caballe helps make this, her first complete light opera pressing, a must for opera buffs.



RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT

GOD LOVES WOMEN
Tennessee Ernie Ford. Capitol DT 2618 (M); DT 2618 (S)

Tennessee Ernie Ford puts special depth and meaning to these selections of "The Old Rugged Cross," "Heavenly Father, God in the Garden," "The Garden," "For a Consistently Big Sales Item in this type of product, and this entry will be one of the biggest."